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Chapter 1: And yet… We Haven't Gone Out for the Trip

After we graduated, we left the Diamond Cottage and stayed at 'Spring Breeze's Perch' Inn after a long absence.

When I informed the inn's landlady, Rona-san, that we're going to travel, she wished us luck while feeling regret, and we stayed in an expensive room for a reasonable price as for this times service. When I came to this town, we had a three-person room but since our number now became bigger with Reese, we asked for another room.

We will stay here today and our plan is that we'll travel tomorrow morning after getting the things that I requested from the Galgan Company. At that time, our acquaintances, Princess Lifell and Mark, will come to see us off.

Now the time is before dusk, it's going to get darker outside soon. Emilia and Reese did not stay in our room, so they came leisurely to our room to pass the time.

It would be fine to enjoy our dinner slowly but since we have some time, we decided to show our face to the Galgan Company once to prepare for tomorrow.

We gave our keys to Rona-san and left the inn with Reus, who was unusually excited, leading the group to the Galgan Company.

"I am looking forward to this since I haven't seen it yet. Did you design it, Aniki?" (Reus)

"Come to think of it, Reus hasn't seen it yet. Please look forward to it." (Emilia)

"Although it looks ordinary but it is equipped with better functions compared to the one that the nobles get on. It looks like a small house." (Reese)

On one day, when there was one year remaining before the graduation, I thought about what necessary things are needed for the trip and the first thing that came to my mind was the method to transport our luggage. It is good to

train hands and feet by walking but since there is a limit to how much luggage you can hold in your hand, you can only hold a minimum number.

Thus, it is the turn of the carriage. The reason I want to travel is because I want to see unusual things and sights, so I will need a carriage to make the trip comfortable while travelling leisurely. Since there was still time left, the carriage for our personal use was made with the collaboration from the Galgan Company.

When we looked at its condition several days ago, Reus went to the shop of Grant, the blacksmith specialist, and entrusted his 'partner', [Silver Fang], so he couldn't see the carriage.

"I only gave suggestions and I'm not the one who made it. However, the made carriage is equipped with various new features. I can at least guarantee the functionality, you know." (Sirius)

"Is that so? I'm looking forward to the carriage that Aniki made." (Reus)

"That carriage will become Sirius-sama and our house. Huhu… I will sleep together with Sirius-sama during the bedtime in the carriage." (Emilia)

"Eh!? Is it like that? With that space, it is hard not to stick to each other when everyone is sleeping." (Reus)

"That's right. I can come in contact with Sirius-sama legally." (Emilia)

Emilia had a little rough snort but since there is a sleeping bag for outdoor sleeping, I plan to sleep outside unless the rain is falling. In the first place, we must have a watch out, so the possibility of fulfilling your desire is low.

No… if it is Emilia, it's all good as long as there is possibility, and she probably won't be discouraged about it.

Compared to Reus, these two have different reason for being in high spirit. And then, we arrived at the Galgan Company.

I will receive the carriage here by tomorrow. While we would be seen off by our acquaintances, we should have gone for the trip but…

"I'm sorry, master! The truth is the preparation of the carriage is not completed yet." (Zack)

And he kneeled down suddenly.

The moment I came to the Galgan Company and entered the president's office, Zack knelt on the ground and apologized earnestly. Or perhaps I should say, he already kneeled on the ground when I was thinking.

"No, please explain first rather than apologize. You are more or less a president for this branch, so don't easily kneel on the ground." (Sirius)

"Understood. For the time being, please have a seat on the sofa." (Zack)

We were suggested that by Zack to sit on the sofa. He sat on the opposite side, and then lowered his head again.

"Once again, I'm really sorry, master. The carriage is not ready yet and it is unlikely to be completed by tomorrow." (Zack)

"What happened? Hasn't the carriage been completed already and the necessary things have been put on board?" (Sirius)

"It is perfect. All the listed things were loaded and the check on built-in functions is also perfect. And it can be maintained for more than a decade." (Zack)

"If that's the case, what is the problem then?" (Sirius)

"To tell you the truth, there is no horse yet for the carriage." (Zack)

The horse for the carriage somehow didn't arrive. He bought the horse from a famous place known to raise good horses but it didn't arrive in the morning and it seemed there was message coming.

"Although I planned to prepare a splendid horse for master and others, this is what happened. I am disqualified as a merchant for making my regular customer wait." (Zack)

"Would it not be fine to prepare another horse?" (Sirius)

"There is a shortage of a horse supply now. I think if you wait a bit, the problem can be solved but it's impossible to prepare it immediately. I heard this among merchants that I have to wait at least for three days after ordering it." (Zack)

Zack sighed after telling the present situation but I said not to worry about it.

There won't be a problem if I don't leave by tomorrow and that's because the situation was bad. It seems it will take at least three days until a different horse arrives and I'm troubled what to do during that time but Reus stood up and grasped his fist tightly.

"Well, is it alright if I pull the carriage? It can be training for me." (Reus)

"Rejection." (Sirius)

"That's right, Reus. It is unsightly for you to go on your hands and knees, and pull the carriage. You will be whipped by Sirius-sama, don't you know?" (Emilia)

"I have no problem being whipped by Aniki." (Reus)

"Well, I don't mind either if it's Sirius-sama." (Emilia)

"Anyhow, the discussion is going nowhere, and there won't be such a thing." (Sirius)

Setting aside that kneeling down on one's hands and knees matter, I should try to let Reus pull the carriage. He didn't stand out but those who saw the sight turned cold eyes.

I stopped the siblings because they would behave recklessly if I leave them. Because of that, I had to think about our future plan again.

"Are we stranded for at least three days? So, what are we going to do?" (Emilia?)

"Is there any requests we can accept from the guild?" (Sirius?)

"Is that so, Master? I heard there are a lot of requests related to horses entered by the guild." (Zack)

According to Zack, it seems there is a request to exterminate monsters in a village west from here.

It seems that village raises horses and have a pasturage, and it is where Zack purchased our horse. Upon investigation, the horse that he bought few days ago apparently was attacked by a monster and that was the reason it didn't arrive.

And then, Zack heard about the monster extermination request that was sent to the guild.

“It doesn’t take more than half a day on foot to the village and you will get any horse that survived as a reward for the request, so how about it?” (Zack)

“Well, rather than waiting, shall we move ahead?” (Sirius)

“Even if you don’t get anything, the horse would probably be readied by the time you come back here. I don’t mind about this, you may go ahead if you want.” (Zack)

In the case if I bring back a horse, I can have other people buy the horse that is prepared for me, and I don’t mind either.

“I have decided. I’m sorry but I want you to prepare food for a few days.” (Sirius)

“Yes, I will prepare it immediately.” (Zack)

“Since there will be people coming to see us off tomorrow, please tell them about the situation.” (Sirius)

“Are those your acquaintances, Master? I don’t understand well but I’m bit bothered I had to lower my head to those people. Especially the pair of teachers from the school and the beautiful woman who is always led by a rabbit-kin and cool looking man, they are very strict with cakes and even the chef had teary eyes. What kind of people are they?” (Zack)

…Sorry, it was me who introduced those people here. I think since they had personal experience with me, they become strict when it comes to cake. I want him to persevere even when I am not here anymore.

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After we received our luggage, we went to the adventurer guild to receive the request that was told by Zack.

There were a lot of people at the reception in charge of requests. However, we talked to the woman who was in charge with our guild registration. She knows about our competency, so we have less trouble to explain.

“Welcome. Aah, isn’t that Sirius-kun? What can I do for you today?” (Receptionist)

“I have come to accept a request. I heard a rumor that horses from a certain village were attacked by demons.” (Sirius)

“Aah, so you have come today for that request. Putting that aside, is it alright to accept a request? Aren’t you going to travel by tomorrow?” (Receptionist)

Since I was involved in a class of the guild before Emilia and others knew it, I came here many times for that class. When Emilia and others attained Eighth Rank, they became good friends with the receptionist, so now our relationship is up to small talk.

“The truth is we need a horse. We have ordered horse from that village but I heard something happened at that time. I plan to accept the request and investigate it on foot.” (Sirius)

“I see. Well, can you show me your guild card in order to receive the request?” (Receptionist)

The procedure to receive a request is take the written request that is attached on a wall, hand it over at the reception, verify the guild cards from all participated members, and fill it with our signature on the written request.

After that, the card will be returned along with the written request, have a signature upon completing the request from the commissioner, return to the guild, and get reward after reporting the information.

“About the written request, it hasn’t been put on the wall yet. Will it be alright if we accept it?” (Sirius)

“To tell the truth, that is not good but there is still an investigation request for beginner adventurers.” (Receptionist)

“Investigation? From the story I heard, it is about exterminating monsters.” (Sirius)

“That is true, the monster came out and attacked the horses but no one knows what kind of monster it is. There was a similar case in the past where a veteran adventurer was sent and he assumed the monster was a goblin, so he and the commissioner had a dispute.” (Receptionist)

“Since they do not know what kind of enemy it is, the monster extermination

written request is not put on yet, only the investigation written request is. And, the reward is also small.” (Sirius)

“That’s the thing. It will be fine if it is at the level of goblin but there is uncertain information saying a big white monster was seen. There were a considerable amount of horses disappearing, so there is a high possibility that a large sized monster eats that amount. In my opinion, even the investigation request is probably severe for beginner adventurer.” (Receptionist)

When I look onto the written request that I brought, it was about the monster investigation request from Gort Village and the reward is two silver coins. If it’s an investigation request, one silver coin is good enough but since there is quite a distance, another coin is added.

“But if it’s Sirius-kun and others do it, there won’t be any problem. Therefore, can you handle it? Well, that’s because you guys had exterminated goblins during an investigation request and hunted a big monster for an harvesting request.” (Receptionist)

When I looked back, the disciples quietly averted their eyes. Although that was a story of one year ago, it is still being talked until now, maybe because it gives a huge shock. Whatever they may say, I’m sorry for my disciples.

“You know, a reception also has a task to recommend requests that suitable for adventurers. When Sirius-kun and others come later, I will put up the request immediately, so it’s alright for you to accept the request and you don’t have to worry about it.” (Receptionist)

“If that’s the case, let me be honest. Is there any other information about the request?” (Sirius)

“Yeah, since it is not well known, this has become a request to investigate. Many horses were attacked and a big white monster was seen. And it was seen in the depth of the mountains nearby to the Gort Village.” (Receptionist)

“Understood. Well then, we will go there tomorrow.” (Sirius)

“Good luck. Oh yes! This is unrelated to the quest but in the depth of the nearby mountain to the Gort Village…” (Receptionist)

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After we received the written request, we left the guild and returned to the ‘Spring Breeze’s Perch’ inn.

Though the village is at half a day’s distance, we better make preparation since we’re going to the depth of the mountain after we arrive at the village. After I confirmed the tools and food prepared by Zack, we went to the dining hall since it was dinner time already.

“Though we’re going to travel, something like this happened, huh… Won’t Noel-nee anticipate us to come soon?” (Emilia)

“We must go immediately once we obtain a horse.” (Reus)

While eating the inn specialty, Jya-Ora Snake, it seems Reus and Emilia were looking forward to see Noel and others. But, don’t forget that there is a place we should go first.

“No, there is a place we will go before heading to Noel’s. Let’s go visit mother’s grave together.” (Sirius)

“Oo…that’s true. It is not good if we don’t inform Erina-san, right?” (Emilia)

“We must show that we have grown up to Erina-san.” (Reus)

When they hear about visiting her grave, those nodded with a gentle smile. I must inform my growth too, as well as the addition of a new disciple.

Reese only heard the story about mother, so she asked me while piling up the plate for her fourth helpings.

“That was… Erina-san, right? Will it be alright for me to join you?” (Reese)

“It’s alright, I want you to come together. I have to introduce Reese to mother properly.” (Sirius)

“Yes, I must report to Erina-san, as Sirius-san’s disciple.” (Reese)

“You must properly tell her that you are my close friend.” (Emilia)

“Of course.” (Reese)

When I looked at those two sharing their food happily, I’m really glad I can travel together with Reese. I must protect her as a man and not only because she

is my disciple. Besides, if anything happened, I will be murdered by the princess and the king.

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After we finished our meal, we returned to our own room but Emilia and Reese didn't go back to their room. Well, I already expected this, there won't be a problem if I return before sleep, right? While everyone spend their time leisurely, Reus, who's maintaining 'Silver Fang', noticed something and looked up.

"Hey, Aniki. Once we meet Noel-nee and others, what are we going to do next?" (Reus)

"Reus, there is no point to talk things ahead, you know." (Emilia)

Emilia, who was knitting, replied with an amazed expression but the truth is I already thought about it. It is an important for the siblings in particular.

"I have thought about it a while ago. We're going to stay for a while at Noel's place and then we will go to Aldrodo continent." (Sirius)

"You mean the next continent?" (Emilia)

"That's right. I think I want to meet a certain person in Aldorodo continent. The possibility of not meeting is high but at least I want to see the situation." (Sirius)

Fia, the elf, should not be able to go out of her home forest due to the custom for nearly one more year. Besides, if I step my feet onto the forest homeland without permission, I will surely be driven out.

If that's the case, she said it is fine to come until before the forest. I remember Fia's mana so I thought of calling her out with [Call] when I get close.

"Sirius-sama… could it be the person you want to meet is an elf?" (Emilia)

"Yes but why do you have such cautious face?" (Sirius)

"Erina-san said that I must not be careless if the other party is a female elf. I don't understand why but I have to agree we have to be vigilant." (Emilia)

"…Is that so?" (Sirius)

Fia said she wanted me as a lover candidate and kissed me when we parted off. Let alone Emilia, I also didn't tell mother about it… could it be a woman's intuition?

Is it strange? Though I just want to see Fia's face, did they really think of it as a secret meeting with lover?

It would be better to change the subject quickly. In the first place, meeting Fia is not my main priority.

"Hmmm, you don't need to worry since it's going to be a while before meeting with that elf. The main reason to go to Aldrodo continent is to search for the silver wolf-kin village." (Sirius)

"Do you mean the tribe that's the same as us? If I'm not mistaken, I hear that they are everywhere on that continent but what kind of business do you have?" (Emilia)

"So, it's fine to look everywhere. My aim is to find the place where you lived." (Sirius)

"But, Aniki… Even if our village survived, as for the survivor…" (Reus)

"That is why." (Sirius)

As the siblings' hometown was destroyed by a herd of monsters, nothing could possibly remain as several years have passed.

The siblings' family and friends, who became victims, they could be nothing left, not even bones.

But still…

"Your family's and your friends' grave… we have to make it." (Sirius)

"Sirius-sama…" (Emilia)

"Aniki…" (Rues)

"But if you don't like it, I won't force you. As for reminding you guys about the painful experience-… hmm!?" (Sirius)

For the siblings, the event in their hometown is a nightmare carved deeply into their heart. Therefore, I think I will stop from making them remember about the

trauma if it's not possible for them to move on, but when they heard me, they jumped at me and embraced my hands.

"Thank you… thank you so much. For you to give us such an opportunity… thank you so much." (Emilia)

"Aniki is the best after all. I will follow you for the rest of my life!" (Reus)

The silver wolf tribe has very strong camaraderie. According to the past story mentioned in books, there was also a village who waged war with a country just because a single child was kidnapped. And the outcome is that there are few of them left and I think they are a tribe that suffers a lot.

It doesn't seem like that tribe makes graves for those who died. The siblings also didn't say anything about it as they had to run away without being able to make graves, they probably regret it without knowing.

I let them do whatever they want until they calmed down, while being watched over by Reese who made smile like a saintess.

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And then, it is a time to sleep. After I got back from toilet, I called out for Reus before turning of the light but…

"I'm going to turn off the light soon." (Sirius)

"Yes, let's sleep together Sirius-sama." (Emilia)

"What!?" (Sirius)

Emilia appeared suddenly, from the bed which Reus slept until a while ago. Did she swap places when I left the room a bit?

"Please don't say it as a pity. However, please let me stay by your side even a little." (Emilia)

Emilia approached me while blushing, but her condition this time is similar in the night before the fight against the headmaster. For some reason, Emilia's feeling of falling in love with me is welling up again, she seems to be excited and can't be stop anymore.

There won’t be other way, so I invited her into the bed.

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“Yes… Sirius-san!? By any chance, are you going to sneak into our room… eh, Emilia!?” (Reese)

I knocked and visited Emilia and Reese’s room but Reese was surprised and she looked at me many times. No matter how you look at the situation, you can see nothing but sneaking into girl’s bedroom but when I entered while carrying Emilia who was asleep, she realized something unusual happened.

“I’ll bother you a little, Reese.” (Sirius)

“Y-yes. By the way, is that Emilia?” (Reese)

“Yeah, she sneaked into my room. I patted her until she fell asleep. After all, it’s better to bring her to her own room.” (Sirius)

“Well then, Emilia’s bed is…” (Reese)

When Reese removed the blanket on Emilia’s bed, there was Reus who was tied with rope and his mouth was shut. I did expect this but has she already reached this point? The terrible thing is probably how Reus can still sleep in that situation.

“Here you go. Well then, goodnight, Reese.” (Sirius)

“Y-yes… goodnight.” (Reese)

I exchanged Emilia with Reus, and returned to our room.

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The next morning, Emilia who was awake appeared to be happy and Reus was puzzled at her while eating his breakfast.

“It was a sweet night. I can still fight some more.” (Emilia)

“What is that? I had a dream where Nee-chan tied me but do you know anything, Aniki?” (Reus)

“That wasn’t a dream, it was real.” (Sirius)

We had our breakfast in ‘Spring Breeze’s Perch’ inn and we departed leisurely after the store was opened. It is a distance of half a day by foot to the Gort Village but our movement speed is slightly faster than other people. Because of that, we arrived at the Gort Village before evening.

The Gort Village, where raising horses is its main industry, has wide pasture lands divided by fences. Although it’s a few, several horses could be seen walking leisurely.

“Is this place here Gort Village? From a glimpse, it looks calm and peaceful.” (Emilia?)

“No, while they have spacious pasture land, the number of horses is extremely low. It seems for sure that a considerable number was attacked.” (Sirius)

We headed straight to the client, the village head, and when I told about guild’s request, he explained the situation with a bitter face. The reason why he had a bitter face probably because we looked young after all.

However, it seems there is no difference in information with the information we heard from the receptionist. Since they were attacked several days ago, not getting attacked again is the only relief at the moment.

“We put the horses in a building to prevent them from getting attacked but if we don’t let them out soon, it won’t become a good horse which you can ride all out. I beg of you, please solve it quickly.” (Village Head)

After we heard the story from the village head, we asked villagers who had seen the white monster next.

“At that time, terrible amount of blood spilled on the pasture land. The trail of blood extended to the mountain over there, so we followed the trail to find the culprit. However, the trail of blood suddenly disappears in the depths of the mountain, so when we thought of giving up and about to return… we saw it.” (Villager)

“You mean the said white monster?” (Sirius)

“Yeah, although we could see nothing else but a portion of its body, we

couldn’t move because we felt an immense force. We couldn’t see the whole figure and after we were finally able to move, we escaped and returned back to the village. That monster must have attacked the horses.” (Villager)

“Thank you very much. Even this side also recently searched and saw it, so please wait for good news.” (Sirius)

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When I finished inquiring about that white monster, it’s already past evening. We went to the sole inn in the village, had a dinner, and left our luggage. After we prepared the essential things, we went ahead to the village chef.

He was surprised when we came to see him at this kind of time and he’s even more surprised when we told him that we’re going into the mountain from now on.

“Though there is a demon in question, it is absurd to go to the mountain now! Don’t think lightly on the mountain during nighttime!” (Village Chef)

“It is alright. As you know, our rank is eight rank and we have entered mountains in the nighttime many times.” (Sirius)

“B-but, what are you going to do if the monster comes out when you go to the mountain now?” (Village Head)

“In that case, please use this. This is a magic tool that will send signal widely when filled with mana, so we will return immediately if you use it.” (Sirius)

What I gave to the village head was my own made flare bomb. There are two magic stones embedded on the small cylinder case. The first magic stone is drawn with [Impact] magic formation and it will launch the other magic stone to the sky. The second magic stone contains [Light] magic formation, it will be invoked in the sky as a signal. For example, even if the light is not seen, the mana is still released and I will know it because I made that thing.

That flare bomb looks expensive since I use magic stones but I made it from a chipped pieces only, so it’s not that expensive.

The village head reluctantly gave his permission for us to go to the mountain,

and then we went there on foot.

The outdoors have become completely dark, we moved ahead on the road while using [Light] to illuminate the way. The mountain trail during the night poses numerous risks but since we had training many times under that assumption, we continued advancing without much problem.

“Aniki, is the village going to be alright?” (Reus)

“I have more or less investigated. However, I couldn’t feel any reaction from groups or large size monsters in the surrounding area, I think they should be alright. If anything happens, we will return immediately.” (Sirius)

“Understood. Nevertheless, this is a strange forest. Though it’s packed but somehow it’s clear.” (Emilia)

I think there is no mistake on Emilia’s notation.

Even though I saw this forest for the first time, it somehow made me remembered a good old feeling.

“Isn’t it because this forest is overflowing with mana? As if someone did a bad job here, it has twice amount of mana compared to the village. Reese, what do you think?” (Sirius)

“I think you are right because the spirits are more lively than usual.” (Reese)

“Aniki, I smell a water source. Shall we go there?” (Reus)

The reason we entered the mountain during the night is not because we wanted to find the said white monster but to see a phenomenon that can only be seen here.

Yesterday, the last thing the receptionist told us was a flower that will shine under the moonlight in the surrounding area of the mountain. The moonlight flowers seem to grow a lot here. In the depth of the mountain, there is a water source where the moonlight flowers grow abundantly. And then, the spectacle that we’re seeing here is mysterious and has become something that can’t be forgotten.

“Well, for whatever it is, this looks fun.” (Sirius)

“As for seeing a mysterious phenomenon on a land is a pleasure of traveling,

just like what Kaa-sama said. Huhu, I wonder what kind of mysterious phenomenon this is?” (Reese)

Pushing our way through thickets, we finally arrived at a small spring.

When we viewed the spectacle stretch before us, our voices were unintentionally let out.

“Hee…” (Sirius?)

“Waa…” (Emilia?)

“Beautiful…” (Reese?)

Bathed in the moonlight, the moonlight flower bloomed innumerably and we were greeted with dim light.

The lights from the moonlight flowers reflected on the surface of the spring, the blue lights glittered the surrounding made me wonder whether I am really setting my feet in this world.

When we made up our minds to take a step, as if I’m really walking on a carpet of light and we thought that we have become lost in another world.

We quietly sat down and viewed the surrounding, befuddled with the blue world.

And in such magical world… it was sleeping there.

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Extra/Bonus 1

The conversation between Emilia and Reese before she swapped place with Reus.

“Say, Emilia. The person Sirius-san said he want to see is an elf woman?” (Reese)

“Yes, it looks like that. According to Sirius-sama, she is a lovely and beautiful woman.” (Emilia)

“Well… what we should if they meet?” (Reese)

“I’m going to try this, of course. Since this is one of Erina-san’s will, I will certainly see this through. Whether that woman is suitable for Sirius-sama or not!” (Emilia)

“…What is this? I feel like seeing a woman behind Emilia that I have never seen before.

Extra/Bonus 2

In the world of moonlight flowers shine in blue.

And the thing that Sirius and others saw…!?

…was Lior who was grilling horsemeat.

He continued grilling the meat while rotating the meat on the grilling place. Then, he chose the right timing and…

“It is burnt well!” (Lior)

“Catch that culprit, Reus!” (Sirius)

Chapter 2: A New Name

"It's beautiful…" (Reese?)

"Yeah, It's as though this is a dream…" (Emilia?)

Emilia and Reese sat down on both of my sides, admiring the blue world.

And Reus leaned against my back while making the sound of sleeping person. It's more than what one deserves to see, and as the mana flowed over, we understood it because of the calmness of this area.

"Oh you, Reus. You just don't understand its charm. Besides, for you to lean against Sirius-sama's back… you sneaky." (Emilia)

"Well said. It's alright for both of you to lean on me, you know?" (Sirius)

"Is that alright?" (Emilia)

"Since you have been trying to sneak into my bed many times, this is nothing. Come, I don't mind about Reese too." (Sirius)

"Y-yes. Please excuse me." (Reese)

Those two leaned against both of my shoulders, they were blushing and looked happy. Furthermore, Emilia hugged my arm tightly but I guess that's also another way of displaying her affection.

"Aah.. to enjoy such scenery together with Sirius-sama… it's the best." (Emilia)

"Yeah… I think I understand your feelings." (Reese)

"Well, once in awhile." (Sirius)

While we stayed like this for a while, I surveyed the surroundings as a precautionary measure… I perceived a white thing at the edge of my view.

I thought that said white monster was on guard but I couldn't feel any thirst for blood, so I naturally lowered my guard. It's impossible for me to lower my guard in front of my enemies or my friends or something that I'm not sure if they are enemy or not but it changed the magical scenery to certain extent.

“…Sirius-sama, what are you going to do about it?” (Emilia)

Emilia, who cleverly felt the changes on me, turned her face to me and asked that question. Reus was late opening his eyes and began to stand up while Reese looked puzzled and tilted her head.

“Hmmm… what is it, Aniki? Aren’t you going to be on guard now even if it’s just a bit?” (Reus)

“No, I have found this strange creature before. You should look over there.” (Sirius)

The disciples look to where I pointed at and they opened their eyes widely without saying anything.

That was… a wolf that was glittering because of its pure white hair.

The size of the wolf is probably about two meters, it was lying down on the rock at the center of the spring, and it completely became a part of the scenery. Our eyes were stolen by that sight, and even though a thirst for blood couldn’t be felt, there is limit of not noticing such an existence. No, that wolf presence is skillfully cut off, as it is naturally blending in with the environment.

There is somewhat of a distance between us but as we noticed it, the wild beast must have also noticed us. Despite this, it didn’t look cautious because the wolf closed its eyes and continued sleeping.

“It looks inspiring and very beautiful. Perhaps, that is the white monster according to the information?” (Emilia)

“I guess so. The other side doesn’t seem to be cautious at all, so don’t start a fight carelessly.” (Sirius)

The wolf didn’t respond with anything even when we already came this close. I guess it is a strong wolf and didn’t think anything of us.

Generally, Reus would say something in the beginning while throwing himself and it was very rare of him too not pull out his sword. He became hardened when looking at the wolf while being surprised. Emilia who embraced my arm was the same, and then she regained herself after I poke her head with other arm openly.

“Haa!?… I-I’m sorry. Indeed, I became unintentionally absentminded when seeing it.” (Emilia)

“So that mean, do you know something about it?” (Sirius)

“Yes. It’s called the Hundred Wolves among us including the silver wolf tribe, and it is said to be the ancestor of the existing and various silver wolf tribes. It was revered as the messenger of god by the silver wolf tribe.” (Emilia)

“Tou-chan said this long time ago, Aniki. If I’m going to meet Hundred Wolves, never defy and worship it with gratefulness. I understand that when I see it with my own eyes, to never go against it.” (Reus)

As a human, we probably don’t understand something that we feel. The siblings became quiet as if they meet an absolute king and it appeared that they won’t take their eyes off the Hundred Wolves.

The Hundred Wolves just ignored us as usual but the more we looked at it, the more we thought that it had a beautiful appearance. Its white and shiny hair reflected the moonlight, as if the Hundred Wolves was glittering. In my previous life, I felt it’s rare to discover mysteries no matter how hard I struggle. I think I understand why it is called the messenger of God.

“So, do you somehow understand the Hundred Wolves’ behavior? It still being unconcerned as ever.” (Sirius)

“D-don’t know. From the story passed down to the silver wolf tribes, it is an existence that can only be seen once in several hundred years.” (Emilia?)

Is the territory of the big wolf, even though it’s not weird for it to go across the whole mountain area, the Hundred Wolves still kept on sleeping without being vigilant. Could it be the spot where we are standing right is on the exact border?

No, common sense from my previous life shouldn’t be applied. This is a different world, the other party is an existence with no known details, and it’s probably an animal that doesn’t possess a territory.

The opponent’s might is unknown and it is best to leave it but for some reason, I wasn’t able to take my eyes of the Hundred Wolves. And then, I unconsciously advanced forward with Emilia who’s still holding my arm.

“Sirius-sama!? Why are you approaching it…” (Emilia)

“No, it doesn’t seem the other side is completely being cautious, so I am thinking to get a bit closer. If something happens stay away since it’s dangerous.” (Sirius)

“I refuse!” (Emilia)

That was an unexpected refusal. Rather than separating away from me, I felt that she held my arm stronger. In the meantime, Reese made a line on the opposite side and Reus who was at the rear stood up with a clenched fist.

“I am Sirius-sama’s attendant. I will follow you anywhere.” (Emilia)

“And I am Aniki’s sword! Although the opponent is Hundred Wolves that Tou-chan told me about, if it attacks Aniki, I…” (Reus)

“All of us are the same!” (Reese)

While smiling wryly to the disciples who didn’t want to distance themselves away, I approached the Hundred Wolves once more and we came over about one step before the spring. As I expected, it raised its face to look at us after we took a few steps closer, the wolf still remained the same. It’s not vigilant and there wasn’t any bloodlust, it just looked at us with dim golden eyes.

“Whatever happens never put down your guard. Doesn’t it recognize humans as enemies?” (Sirius)

“It looks more amazing when you see it closer. This place is also beautiful but if it’s compared to the wolf, it seems overshadowed.” (Reese)

“N-nice to meet you Hundred Wolves-sama! I am Sirius-sama’s attendant and my name is Emilia!” (Emilia)

“I am same with her and my name is Reus!” (Reus)

I was surprised when those two suddenly began to introduce themselves but what surprised me more was the Hundred Wolves replied with small howl.

“Y-yes! Nice to meet you too!” (Emilia)

“Do you understand that!? Or perhaps I should say, does the wolf understand our words?” (Sirius?)

“I somehow understand it. It said nice to meet you.” (Emilia)

“I understand its speech. Furthermore, it doesn’t have a name so we can call it whatever we like… that’s what it said, Aniki.” (Reus)

“Reus seems to understand more clearly than Emilia.” (Reese)

Why is there a difference? When I think about the difference between those two, it is gender… and maybe because Reus can transform? The reason may be because Reus is closer to a wolf.

Whatever the reason is, it seems this won’t be a sudden battle since a conversation is possible. Whether it is a male or female, it gently answers Emilia and Reus’ questions. Shall I ask it various things?

“First question is, is this your territory? If I have entered without permission, I want to apologize.” (Sirius)

We look like a visitor in this situation. At the beginning, when the wolf heard our courtesy, it waved its neck while somehow groaning.

“Please be interpreter.” (Sirius)

“Well, the Hundred Wolves travels here and there and it doesn’t seem to live here. So, it said don’t worry about it.” (Reus)

The Hundred Wolves is also somewhat a visitor as well. Is that so? If this place isn’t its territory, there won’t be a reason to get angry. When I’m thinking about why it didn’t put up its guard, the siblings responded when the Hundred Wolves was howling.

“Yes… it’s alright. It came here by chance.” (Emilia?)

“Yeah…Yeah… Ooh… Is that so?” (Reus?)

“We’re completely left from the conversation, huh. Nevertheless, this splendid and beautiful wolf is the one that attack the horses, right? Despite the rules of nature, I’m slightly sad.” (Reese)

“No, I think it’s probably different. Although it was said that it attacked the horses, trace of blood couldn’t be found. In fact, we heard that there were dozens of horses that were attacked at that time. It probably got attacked by a group and that wolf, no matter how you look at it, is a part of the group. The

probability is low, I think.” (Sirius)

I was looking at Reese who made a relieved smile and the siblings who exchanged conversation with the wolf but I was wondering when the Hundred Wolves looked at us several times.

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The conversation seemed to be finally over and the siblings reported the result.

“First of all, this Hundred Wolf is a male.” (Emilia)

“Aah, yeah. We certainly confirmed that but was that the first thing you needed to inform me?” (Sirius)

“Yes, it is important. And, though the Hundred Wolves has heard about our identity, we informed him that we came here as travelers.” (Emilia)

“I somehow understood about that but why didn’t he become vigilant towards us? No matter how you look at it, it is too defenseless.” (Sirius)

“It doesn’t seem to dislike you because his life was saved by a human a long time ago. Besides, he knows greedy humans, and he knows that we are not an enemy. That’s why he didn’t become vigilant.” (Emilia)

If he wants to run away, it can run away immediately. Well, it is a big wolf, it must have healthy legs to support that body and it can run away easily.

“The ‘Hundred Wolves is traveling around and he found this place few days ago. It seems that he wants to take some rest since this place is comfortable.” (Reus?)

“This place is overflowing with mana and it’s similar to something he misses dearly, so it feels comfortable here.” (Emilia?)

“Several days ago, huh… I want you to ask him whether he knows or not about the horses in the nearby village getting attacked.” (Sirius)

Since a conversation is possible, it’s a miracle story to gather information from a wolf. When the Hundred Wolves heard that the horses got attacked, he tilted his head but he immediately howl a bit.

“…Since he was aimed by a suspicious human, he doesn’t seem to approach

human dwellings. But, when it came here for the first time several days ago…” (Reus?)

When Reus explained until that point, the Hundred Wolves suddenly stood up and jumped from the rock. He landed on the moonlight flower field without making a sound. Then he brought his ears and nose and started growling.

While Emilia and Reus were surprised with the Hundred Wolves action, they brought their ears and nose to the surroundings, they noticed something and they looked up. By the way, I noticed something was getting closer since I checked around by using [Search]. An arrival of a group.

“Aniki, we are surrounded!” (Reus)

“I know, the number of enemies is thirty. Each of you, go for defense formation!” (Sirius)

“““Yes.””” (Emilia/Reese/Reus)

The defense formation is a formation where Reese holds the core of the formation while everyone else encloses around her. This formation is to deal attacks from all directions in case if we are surrounded. When I took out my weapon and put myself on guard, something jumped out from the top of a tree to attack me but a shadow came to blow it away.

The shadow which helped me was the Hundred Wolves that growl until a while ago, he glanced at us, and then he turned towards the sky and started howling.

“A-amazing pressure! What on earth is this?” (Reese?)

“He said he came here because he doesn’t want this place to be stained with blood. Look, he blew that guy off without shedding any blood.” (Reus?)

The enemy who was blown by a single hit from Hundred Wolves crashed to a tree until the tree was shaken, the bone of its neck was broken and it died.

The assailant came here and we finally confirmed its identity. It was a red monkey with the size of an adult male.

From the three distinctive long hairs that grew on its head and abnormally grown right arm only, and if I’m not mistaken, the name of that monkey monster is Hungry Deva. They always move for food and attack in groups. It is a

carnivorous monster that eats everything including bones. Its individual strength is not that great but they are troublesome enemies when they attack in groups.

“It seems like they are the one who attacked the horses in Gord Village.” (Sirius)

“But Sirius-sama, I heard this monster desires food, so I don’t think they will be satisfied just attacking once.” (Emilia)

“The Hundred Wolves said they came here several days before him. Maybe, these monsters attacked the horses on the next day after the Hundred Wolves came and it ran away instinctively.” (Sirius)

“If that’s the case Aniki, why are these guys are attacking?” (Reus)

“Whether they are not able to forget the taste of the horses or they already became angry enough to stopped minding about it…” (Sirius)

Two of them attacked simultaneously this time but the Hundred Wolf blew one of them with its forepaw while the remainder was blown off by a kick with a hind leg and it tumbled in front of our legs.

It already died but when I simply checked it, it was unusually thin, and there was some leaves but no meat was vomited that could be slightly seen from its mouth. In short…

“It is somehow the latter reason. Hungry beasts are troublesome, so bring them down quickly.” (Sirius)

“Understood. And try not to shed blood if possible.” (Emilia?)

“That’s right. But, if you think it is impossible, do it without reserve.” (Sirius)

The Hundred Wolves is trying his best not to pollute the scenery of moonlight flowers with blood. I think we should be careful too, and when I pointed [Magnum] with rubber bullet ‘Image’, the Hundred Wolves stood in my way and howled at me.

“…Are you telling me not to make a move?” (Sirius)

“He said to leave everything to him since it is his own responsibility for making them go crazy.” (Reus)

Oh well, he is a manly wolf overflowed with humanity. This wolf thinks that they are no match against him even if they attack in group but if he takes too much time, the scenery will destroyed and I don't like it. Shall we cooperate and end this quickly?

The enemies that jumped together were wholly shot with rapid [Magnum] firing and they fell down, and then I smiled at the Hundred Wolves.

"We hate this place being wasted, so we're helping too." (Sirius)

"We will also fight together, Hundred Wolves-sama. It's alright, it's only a moment for a bunch like this!" (Emilia)

The request of the guild was to investigate but it appears that the village is troubled with it. Thus, there won't be any problem to annihilate them. Reus was inadvertently annihilating enemies while doing investigation before, so from now on, I also can't be obstinate about that.

The Hundred Wolves became stiffened for an instant, but then he blew off monsters with a tackle after barking, jumping forward and started to act violently.

"He said 'I'll leave it to you', Sirius-sama." (Emilia)

"Is he really a wolf?" (Sirius)

Though I said it was a wolf, we began to fight while looking at his back which seemed to be strangely reliable.

I intercepted enemies that simultaneously attacked all at once with rubber bullet [Shotgun], while Emilia and Reese fired [Air Shot] and [Aqua Bullet]. As for Reus, he hit enemies with the body part of his sword, performing heroic 'home run' on the enemies.

However, the one that really stood out in the battle was the Hundred Wolves.

When talking about a wolf that walks with four feet, its weapon would be its fangs and claws but this Hundred Wolves didn't use those at all.

For example, he cut down an enemy with his right forepaw but he didn't put up his claw in order to not spill blood, and he chose to summersault with its whole body if the monster attacked from above.

Besides that, even though the tail of a wolf should be soft, if he swings it with full strength, it becomes a blow that's equal to Reus' 'home run'. Since I felt mana at that instant, he probably enhanced his tail by filling it with mana. This Hundred Wolves understands that he can control mana freely.

The number of Hungry Deva's decreased one by one, and the last one was thrown down by the Hundred Wolves' forepaw. The body of the monsters was half buried under the ground but the smell of the small amount of blood was terrible.

"That was amazing. That wolf flawlessly took control of the situation." (Sirius)

"Is it amazing if he's able to control it perfectly?" (Reese)

"I think Reese-nee doesn't understand because you didn't participate in close combat battles a lot but to control perfectly means that one understood their body well." (Reus)

"To control based on a situation is a skill. Although Reus has the power to cut rocks with his sword, he didn't use it against school students as his opponent, right? If he can't completely control his strength, there is no meaning to train no matter what… don't you think so?" (Sirius)

"That's right. When I think about that, I wonder where that wolf learned that?" (Reese?)

The monsters will be crushed like soft fruit if they get hit with the strength of that wolf.

No matter how rare the creature he is, his unusual quite human fighting technique is abnormal. I don't think he learned it by himself, and I felt that as if he was taught by a human.

The Hundred Wolves that knocked down the monster came in front of me and barked. Even if it's not interpreted, I know that he was thanking me.

"No, I should say that I'm saved from trouble. Apart from that, where did you learn about such technique?" (Sirius)

"Uhmm… he said that he learned it from someone who took care of him by looking and learning it, Aniki. That's amazing. I wonder what kind of person

taught that skill to the Hundred Wolves-sama?" (Reus)

"It may not be a person. Anyhow, such a matter can be asked later, so shall we take care of things first?" (Sirius)

Although we avoided spilling blood as much as possible, other monsters will gather if we leave the dead bodies, and there is possibility that this place will be wasted. Thus, I planned to gather the dead bodies and bury it under the ground, and then I instructed the disciples to gather the monsters. I told them not to forget to pull the hair on the head as a subjugation proof. Based on the information, the hair on the head is soft and strong, and it seems to be used for sewing.

In the meantime, I drew magic formation on the ground, throw the monsters on the opened hole. However, the Hundred Wolves was looking here patiently while sitting close to me. Since I know no one is looking, when I looked back after making hole without minding about it… I noticed that there were still living monsters close to where Reese who was dragging a monster's body.

"'Second'! Reus!" (Sirius)

Reus was at a closer position. When I made an order after looking on the left side of Reus, he threw the monster he carried and hit the other monster. It seemed to have completely killed it in a single blow because it was weakened from the beginning.

Looking at the defeated monster, Reese lowered her head down apologetically.

"I-I'm sorry. I think maybe I was the one that defeated that monster." (Reese)

"There's no problem if Reese-nee is safe, you know." (Reus)

"Yeah. It can't be helped since Reese, in particular, has difficulties to adjust her strength." (Sirius)

Reese's [Aqua Bullet] is a magic that produces impact with big ball of water but in her case, she also had the power of spirits. If she goes all out, she has the power to penetrate the monster's body. It appears that she suppressed her power because blood will spill if it's done like that, but did she suppressed it a bit too much? Oh well, there is no need to hurry and she will be able to control it completely sometime soon.

When I looked at Reese cheered up by the siblings, I suddenly felt soft touch on my hand. When I turned around while being surprised, the Hundred Wolves extended his left forefoot and that was touching my hand.

“…What is it?” (Sirius)

“Woof…” (Hundred Wolves)

The Hundred Wolves continued watching me earnestly while letting out lovely cry that doesn’t correspond with his huge body. Neither precaution nor hostility existed in its eyes, he just looked at me gently.

If I think normally, there is no way you can calm down if you are stared at by a wolf that is bigger than a horse. But, my heart is calm itself. On the other hand, I started to feel nostalgia by the Hundred Wolves’ eyes. The disciples were also surprised by the sudden event, they stopped what they were doing and focused their attention here.

“…Hand.” (Sirius)

“Woof!” (Hundred Wolves)

When I showed my hand while giving command, the Hundred Wolves placed his right forepaw on my hand. The forefoot is bigger than my hand. As for the placed forepaw, he controlled his strength in order not to put weight altogether.

“Second.” (Sirius)

“Woof!” (Hundred Wolves)

In addition, he held out its opposite forepaw when I gave the command, he lied down when I ordered him to lie down, and he did a complete turn on the spot when I said to turn around. And then, I gave the original command that I taught to that fellow.

“Target! Hold Attack!” (Sirius)

It is a command to aim at the opponent’s dominant hand after tackling their foot and the Hundred Wolves began to run at the same time to the tree that I pointed as a target. The Hundred Wolves that cut down the distance instantly, bit a branch at the position similar to the right hand of a person after throwing itself onto the root of the tree.

The purpose of this command is to seal the movement of the target but the differences are that the tree root got smashed by the strength of his large body and the bitten branch also was destroyed. If that is used on human, there is no mistake that it can definitely kill them.

That movement just now… throbbed a memory inside me.

“Reus! From now on, tell me what the Hundred Wolves says word by word!” (Sirius)

“Y-yes!” (Reus)

I have the answer already in me but I still don’t have concrete evidence. I asked Reus to become interpreter and then I asked the Hundred Wolves.

“Where did I bury a hidden treasure?” (Sirius)

“He said… ‘at the root of the tree in the garden’.” (Reus)

“If I throw a branch and enjoy myself, what will we found?” (Sirius)

“Bear? ‘I found a nest and was chased by its parents’. What is a Bear, Aniki?” (Reus)

“I will tell you later. Then, next is…” (Sirius)

I just asked several questions and the answers didn’t change from my memory.

For memory and identical movement, there were various memories that only we know.

I cannot remember the name anymore but… I have no doubt.

“Your name is… aren’t you?” (Sirius)

“Woof!” (Hundred Wolves)

When I was trained in the previous life by Master, I picked a dying puppy in the rain.

That puppy was somehow recovered and became my first family, I trained it and it became my partner while being trained. And then, it died sometime after I became an agent.

There are many questions coming into my mind like why was he in such a place

and why does he have that appearance but I had heard the things I wanted to hear in those days.

“Say… were you happy?” (Sirius)

“Woof…” (Hundred Wolves)

“He was happy. And he said, he was really happy for meeting you again… what is this, Aniki!?” (Reus)

His habit when he is happy doesn’t change at all where he brings his face close to my chest. There was a bit irritation since I couldn’t call his name but I hugged my partner’s face that had become much bigger than before.

“Aah, I’m also glad to see you again.” (Sirius)

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After that, I calmed down the disciples whose making noise, asking me persistently about my relationship with this fellow. I mean Emilia, in particular, she was pressing questions as if I’m having an affair.

When I am troubled on how should I respond, the Hundred Wolves stepped forward and barked several times. The siblings became quiet and Reese was wondering about it.

“Uhmm, what is this wolf saying?” (Reese)

“The Hundred Wolves had similar things like us. Before we were picked up by Sirius-sama, we were rescued while we were on the verge of death.” (Emilia)

“So, is Hundred Wolves our senior!? If that’s the case, he should also know about that skill!” (Reus)

They seemed to understand somehow or rather. When I looked at the Hundred Wolves for an instant, he was looking at me as if asking whether I am fine with this. He cheerfully closed his eyes and wagged his tail when I patted his head as gratitude.

“That’s right. I am the same because I was rescued by Sirius-san. Uhmm, is it alright to touch it?” (Reese)

Whether Reese was relieved because I have a relationship with him, when she

stepped in front of the Hundred Wolves with open hands, he lowered his head to make it easy for her to pat him. While being surprised, she patted the Hundred Wolves head and she was smiling.

“Waa… he does feel very soft to touch. Somehow, this is becoming a habit…” (Reese)

“I know, right? How about you guys touch him too?” (Sirius)

“N-no! I am afraid of the Hundred Wolves-sama!” (Emilia)

“M-me too!” (Reus)

The siblings shrank and took a distance. In that situation, the siblings began to groan in vexation while Reese and I continued patting the Hundred Wolves with wry smiles. I feel sorry we’re the only ones who enjoy it, so shall we stop soon?

“Uuu… to be patted many times by Sirius-sama… I’m jealous even if it is Hundred Wolves-sama. Even though, my position is over there…” (Emilia)

“Nee-chan… I’m frustrated too.” (Reus)

They were becoming pitiful in another direction. Since the Hundred Wolves was alright with this, I turned to the siblings and invited them to pat his head.

On the side of the siblings who were delighted, with wagged tails, was Reese. She was looking at the Hundred Wolves, clapped her hands and asked me question.

“Sirius-san, does this wolf have a name?” (Reese)

“That’s right. I may name him but before that… will you follow me?” (Sirius)

I don’t know how you came and lived in this world. I thought whether I should be asking the purpose but the Hundred Wolves unexpectedly barked loudly.

“He said he will follow Aniki anywhere as long as you don’t hate him. A-amazing! Will the Hundred Wolves become a friend!?” (Reus)

“As expected of my master!” (Emilia)

The siblings were surprised and pleased. While patting the Hundred Wolves, I was thinking about his name. No matter how many times I try to remember my previous life, I still cannot remember his name, not even a single character.

As I expected, I guess there is no choice but to think of a new name. When I closed my eyes to think the name, I suddenly felt some presence, so I turned to the the other side of the spring.

“Sirius-sama? Is it something wrong?” (Emilia)

“…Indeed.” (Sirius)

What I felt was my own mana. And when I turned my eyes towards the sky above the village, I saw a line of light that went up into the sky.

That was… the reaction of the flare that I handed to the Village Head. If it goes up on the sky, it means…

“Is the village in danger? These guys should have been cleared up but…” (Emilia)

It is about one hour from the village to this location but my [Search] barely reached it since the distance in a straight line is short. When I invoked it and examined the village, I felt numerous monsters’ responses even though they were weak. However, I can’t somehow judge to certain extent of these monsters since it is far.

The Hundred Wolves made small bark, and when Reus heard it, he interpreted in a hurry.

“Aniki! It seems there are fewer monsters than the beginning! By any chance, if half of them go to the village…” (Reus)

“…That can’t be. Alright, you guys go down the mountain and deal with the monsters. I will return to the village ahead.” (Sirius)

“““Understood.””” (Emilia/Reus/Reese)

It will take time if I go through the forest but I can go immediately because I can kick the sky and fly. When I invoked [Air Step] and put my strength on my feet, the Hundred Wolves stood in front of me and barked.

“Aah, sorry. I haven’t decided your name yet.” (Sirius)

“It’s not that, Aniki. The Hundred Wolves asked you to ride him.” (Reus)

Like Reus said, the Hundred Wolves lowered himself in front of me and barking

me to get on him.

“Is this alright?” (Sirius)

“He seems confident with his feet and he wants you to get on him by all mean.” (Reus)

It looks like I can get on with this large size of body, so I got on his back and substituted the reins with [String].

“Is it tight on the neck?” (Sirius)

He seems to have no problem since he shakes his head. As I checked the tension of the [String] while enjoying the soft sensation from his splendid fur, Emilia stood up alongside Reese.

“Sirius-sama. I have a request but will you take along Reese if the Hundred Wolves-sama permits it?” (Emilia)

“W-wait a sec. Rather than me, Emilia should be the one…” (Reese)

“We can rush immediately as soon as the work is over. Besides… it is scary to ride Hundred Wolves-sama.” (Emilia)

“There might be injured people, so isn’t better with Reese-nee?” (Reus)

Though these two want to follow me, they understood the situation and chose the most suitable decision. Well, the truth is probably because they are afraid of the Hundred Wolves.

“Thanks, both of you. But, will he allow it?” (Sirius)

“Is riding with two people impossible?” (Emilia)

“He said he is fine with someone who is recognized by Aniki and there is no problem with two people.” (Reus)

What a reliable statement. I took Reese’s hand and put her behind my back, I tied our bodies together with [String] to prevent her from falling down.

“Although you are tied to me, hold my waist firmly so that you won’t fall down.” (Sirius)

“Waist!? E-excuse me!” (Reese)

Reese trembled because she was glued to me but then she put her hands on my waist with reddened face. While Emilie looked enviously, the Hundred Wolves rose up and waited for my instructions.

“Well now, shall we go? Apart from that, I haven’t given a name for you yet.” (Sirius)

When I gently stroked him, he barked pleasantly and turned to my face. I have decided his name while looking at his eyes, I grasp the reins and call his new name.

“Your name is… Hokuto. Let’s go, Hokuto!” (Sirius)

Hokuto howled grandly, he put strength on the feet and jumped high.

He flew up instantly to the sky above the forest, he kicked the top of a tree and advanced towards the sky.

“Wawawawa!? A-amazing!” (Reese)

“You’re amazing, Hokuto!” (Sirius)

I thought there would be considerable force on us when flying high with that speed but Reese and I practically felt nothing. This might be Hokuto’s skill. I haven’t seen this fellow for a while but he really grew up well. With that speed, we will arrive at the village immediately.

The time is short but Reese and I enjoyed the air trip on Hokuto’s back.

— Reus —

After Nee-chan and I saw Aniki and Reese-nee off, we began our work immediately.

I threw the monsters’ corpses inside the hole made by Aniki and buried them after cremating it with my fire magic. To cover the hole, I just need to fill Aniki’s drawn magic formation with mana. The thing that Aniki made is amazing as ever.

Besides that, it is really amazing to have Hundred Wolves as a companion. I continued working while thinking that’s natural if it’s Aniki, Nee-chan muttered while looking up into the sky.

“Hundred Wolves-sama… no, Hokuto-sama… is howling.” (Emilia)

“Yeah, he was really happy.” (Reus)

“Of course. It is because he was able to see Sirius-sama again.” (Emilia)

I didn’t really understand the meaning of Hokuto’s howling at the end, I guess that was cry from the bottom of his heart.

He was really glad.

He said… ‘With this new life, I can walk together with Master again’.

Extra/Bonus

In the case of strict hierarchical relationship for Hokuto…

“Woof! (Ouh, you! When I say black, it means black, alright? But, when I say Master is white, he is white, you know? You got that, kid!?)” (Hokuto)

“Hiii! Yes!” (Reus)

And what if Hokuto was a female?

“What is it, Emilia? You should release my arm soon.” (Sirius)

“No! This is my place and I won’t handed it over even if it is Hundred Wolves-sama!” (Emilia)

The good thing about a pet is that it will protect their master!

Chapter 3: Wherever You Go

Hokuto's speed is amazing.

In my case, I don't have to mind obstacles while I continue to run through the sky with [Air Step]. Since Hokuto can't do that, he advanced forward while using branches and rocks as scaffoldings.

But his speed is two times faster than mine. We've been shown the brilliance of the Hundred Wolves' physical ability.

If we continue with this speed, we will arrive at the village before several more minutes pass.

"Is it scary, Reese? Just endure a bit longer." (Sirius)

"I-I'm alright! Rather, I am glad." (Reese)

Hokuto diverted the forthcoming momentum from us well and there wasn't a problem from the wind pressure since I became her shield.

I am not a prince who rides a white horse but a former agent who rides a silver wolf but she seemed to enjoy this moment and was unusually hugging me harder. And since I felt a soft feeling on my back, that would be a side benefit. Though it's not to the extent of Emilia's, hers are quite big too.

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While I enjoyed the touch secretly, we finally passed the forest and since I was able to see the whole picture of the village, I invoked [Search] to look for the location of the monsters.

"Head to the east!" (Sirius)

Hokuto made a small bark and headed to the east while using the rooves in the village as a scaffold. There are wide pasture land for the horse in the east and I can feel a response from the villagers and the monsters.

And then, when I looked towards the location of the response where Hokuto

was heading, I could see many villagers holding torches lined up there. Before their eyes were countless Hungry Deva gathered around something.

“Hokuto!” (Sirius)

“Awoooo—-!” (Hokuto)

Even without telling specifically, Hokuto understood it and howled. The villagers and the monsters that were focusing on something with undivided attention turned towards us because of that overpowering howl, and then we released our magic without a moment of delay. Unlike the place a little while ago, it is not necessary to hold back. Therefore, there is no problem if blood spills here.

“[Magnum]” (Sirius)

“The target is the head… please, [Aqua Bullet].” (Reese)

The long range spells that were released at the same time went completely through the heads of the monsters that were gathered around here. I was a bit relieved because the one that got attacked was a horse.

It appeared that there were other monsters remaining but first, I descended down with Hokuto for information gathering and headed towards the villagers. The villagers were shocked and pointed their weapons towards the huge wolf that was suddenly came over. So, I went down from Hokuto and walked until before them.

“You… aren’t you the adventurers who came over today!” (Villager1)

“What is that wolf at his back!? Did that fellow come to attack the horses too!?” (Villager2)

“Please calm down. That wolf is my companion and the ones that attacked the horse was the monsters that were killed just now.” (Sirius)

In order to make them understand that he was not an enemy, I called out Hokuto. I patted his head after he got close to me. However, I had to give commands to Hokuto since they haven’t lowered their arms yet.

“‘Lie Down’.” (Sirius)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

It seemed there wasn't much of an effect even though he lied down while showing no hostility. Since Hokuto already lied down, Reese went down from his back and stood beside me. Then, she raised her voice toward the villagers.

"Is there any injured amongst you? I can treat them because I can use healing magic." (Reese)

"…Ah? Ooh, there are injured. Oi, please bring him!" (Villager)

While the villagers were dumbfounded, the one that was brought up was a man clad in a leather armor. Compared to others, this fellow has proper weapon and armor. He is probably the village guard. But, there were countless cuts on his face and body, and he was groaning while bleeding.

"Severe wounds… please lay him here immediately." (Reese)

"A-alright. Oi, go help lying him down." (Villager)

"Please hurry, this treatment is a race against time." (Reese)

Being pushed by Reese's forceful manner, the villagers followed her in a hurry. And then, she extended her hands at the patient's, focused her mana and casted healing magic. The man opened his eyes slowly while being healed, and he smiled when he saw Reese's face.

"…Sorry for the trouble, girl. I was a bit careless." (Village Guard)

"Not a problem. Please wait a moment because you will be healed right away." (Reese)

"Though it's regrettable to be injured, I have a question. Are you an adventurer? I don't mind about this but… can the medical fees come later?" (Village Guard)

"I don't really mind about the medical fees but please explain the situation. It is because the other people are afraid and they are not talking." (Reese)

Although Hokuto waslying down, most of the villagers were not taking their eyes off him, so we couldn't confirm the situation.

It is also alright to bring down the monsters quickly but our request is until the investigation part only. Since we are not aimed by the monsters, there is no obligation to knock them down. The villagers appeared to have misunderstood

because we did things on our own accord. Thus, they were bothered afterwards. Moreover, when I settled myself down and examined the area with [Search], horses are all attacked here and there. It was already hopeless to help them and the monsters had enough time to finish eating.

The man who noticed the situation had a bitter smile when I explained about it.

“Even if you explain it, it is as what you’ve seen. A little while back, these monsters suddenly attacked the village. I was able to take care of one or two of them but then I got careless and was surrounded. If it wasn’t because of the villagers who risked their lives to save me, I would have ended up like those horses.” (Village Guard)

There were some villagers who were injured, probably from when they rescued that man. Although I want to drive them away, the monsters already attacked nearby horses and started to eat them. Was that when we got here?

In addition to Reese who noticed what’s going on, she lined up the injured villagers. It seemed she wanted to heal them in one go. She is a very reliable child in terms of healing injuries and diseases.

“Thank you very much. We’ll take things after this, so please take a rest.” (Reese)

“But, with that number…” (Villager)

“There will be no problem. Instead of that, is the village head not coming?” (Sirius)

When I called that out to the villagers, the crowd dispersed and the village head appeared. He looks very impatient but since he was scared of Hokuto, he didn’t approached me from a distance and called me out to slightly remote location.

“A-adventurer-dono! What on earth is that white wolf?” (Village Head)

“That’s the white monster that you’ve seen in the mountain. But as you can see, the ones that attacked the horses were these monsters and this fellow came to help to defeat it.” (Sirius)

“But won’t it be possible that it will attack us!?” (Village Head)

“He won’t attack unless he is harmed. Apart from that, that monster is…” (Sirius)

“Damn! All my horses were eaten. Please get rid of the monsters quickly! Aren’t you coming here for that?” (Villager)

When I was going to say that it wasn’t extermination request to begin with, a man interrupted the village head and drew closer to me. That was coming from the owner of horses, I wanted him to shut up because I was still having discussion with the village head.

“Our request is to investigate and not to exterminate. It won’t matter if you request it because it’s already too late for those horses. Please understand that.” (Sirius)

“Wha!? If that girl heals them, won’t it be saved!?” (Villager)

“Her mana is not infinite and I think the possibility to save them is low since there is crowd gathered there. Leaving that matter aside, I must talk with the village head so please withdraw if you aren’t going to fight.” (Sirius)

“You! If you didn’t get away from the village in the first place… ugh!?” (Villager)

Since I had no intention to talk with this man who easily passing the blame to others, I gave a single blow on his stomach to shut his face by force. The villager was making a noticeable noise but he quieted down when the village head raised his voice.

“Don’t make a fuss, you guys! …Sorry, the villagers were a bother.” (Village Head)

“Not a problem. If my horse got attacked, it’s inevitable not to get upset.” (Sirius)

“But still. I had the same thought like that guy just now, but now I realized it. Your request is only until investigation. I was thinking lightly and made a simple request. That was my mistake.” (Village Head)

“However, there is still time. So, how should this be done?” (Sirius)

“…I will give the reward that I can give. I’d like to request that monster’s extermination.” (Village Head)

“Understood. Reese, please continue healing them.” (Sirius)

“Yes, please be careful.” (Reese)

A portion of villagers muttered about me… being money-grubber or something like that but I didn’t say specifically that i wanted money. I am not going to be bothered since they can’t figure the difference.

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When I walked towards the rear of Reese and the villagers, Hokuto who lied down quietly stood up and came next to me. He was waiting for some instructions.

The number of enemies that remains were around twenty and since they were scattered all around, it seemed better to split. Hokuto’s howl pulled their attention for an instant but they didn’t leave the horses since their hunger was their main priority.

“Hokuto, I leave the east to you.” (Sirius)

Hokuto barked as if he understood it and he started to run while I began to run towards the monsters that gathered on the other side.

The first group that I met was three monsters that gathered and I was free to make a surprise attack since they were too absorbed in having a meal. When one of them was shot with [Magnum], the rest noticed me and ran away but I didn’t shoot them. I ended it by getting close to them and cut their throat with a knife. Though it’s easier to shoot their head with [Magnum], I won’t get the proof of extermination, which is its hair, if their heads explode.

I defeated them one by one with that intention but Hokuto defeated twice the number compared to me. That is probably because of his large body build and physical ability but he is unusually excited.

He drew close until in front of the monsters, that were busy with the horses, wrapped it up with his forefeet and tail and easily finished his part. The mowed

down monsters had their bones crushed and were not moving anymore. It was a decisive blow and there would be barely any survivors from that. When I knocked down 30% of them, Hokuto had finished all on his side. What an excellent fellow.

“You did well, Hokuto.” (Sirius)

I was a bit late and then I went to thank Hokuto who was waiting for instructions. After that, we returned to towards the villagers.

Since it was already nighttime, they wouldn’t be able to see our movement from a distance. As we returned in a short time, they met us with a wondering expression.

“What happened? Are you going to tell us that you aren’t able to defeat them?” (Village Head?)

“No, we’re done. All the monsters around here were exterminated.” (Sirius)

“Haa!? No matter how you look at it, that’s too fast! There should be dozens of them too!” (Villager?)

It is so if you think with common sense but it was because Hokuto took care most of them. When I was thinking how will I prove it, Hokuto whom I gave an order to wait came over behind me and threw something he had in his mouth in front of the villagers. With that, the monster’s dead body and Hokuto’s impressiveness, the villagers couldn’t do anything but admit to it. He really is an excellent fellow.

“It was easy since this white wolf, Hokuto, helped me. With this, you don’t have to worry about your horses getting attacked anymore.” (Sirius)

“I-is that so? By the way, what on earth is that wolf? And why is he following you?” (Village Head?)

“I rescued this wolf when he was small and I accidentally met him again in that mountain. And now, he follows me to return the favor.” (Sirius)

To react to that statement, Hokuto approached me and behaves like a spoiled child. When I stroked him while enjoying the soft feeling, one of the villagers pointed his fingers and shouted.

“Wait a minute! Could it be that because that fellow appeared in the

mountains, the monsters attacked the horses?” (Villager1)

“Isn’t that so!? Those monsters were chased by the wolf and they came to the village.” (Villager2)

“That wolf is bad to begin with! Oi! Since you are with that wolf, you need to pay compensation for the horses!” (Villager3)

When I think of what they said…I felt disgusted.

Though they are confused and not thinking with their head, to suddenly ask us for compensation was unreasonable. In the first place, they were rescued by Hokuto until a certain extent. If they think about that for a bit, they will understand.

Since they began to vent their anger at me and Hokuto, I released my thirst of blood and made all of them silent. I also have no plan to come to this village again and there is no problem even if they don’t understand us or speak ill about my companion.

It is because they will faint if I really do it. Some of them were unable to stand up having fallen silent, so I questioned the villagers.

“Although you have said whatever you like, if what you say is true, that the monsters were sent here, then why were the horses not attacked for these past several days?” (Sirius)

“H-how do you know what those monsters were thinking!? Wasn’t it a result of them being hungry?” (Villager)

“These monsters are very greedy in terms of food. Do you think these monsters can be patient about food until they lose weight?” (Sirius)

“That’s what’s happening! They wouldn’t be able to eat when they were being chased by that wolf!” (Villager)

“The white monster that attacked the horses several days ago… didn’t you come to look for this wolf? And the horses were not attacked until today. In short, the village was safe until today because this fellow showed up in the mountain.” (Sirius)

These monsters can eat dozens of horses on a raid. They will get hungry after

one day and if Hokuto didn't come, the village must have been attacked every day.

"Even if you make a request to the guild hastily, it will probably takes at least two days considering about the time and the distance, and you won't know how many days will pass for someone to take the request. In the meantime, the horses keeps being attacked and when the horses are no more… what do you think they will attack next?" (Sirius)

"…Us… isn't it?" (Villager)

Whether they imagine the situation or not, the villagers' face were colored with blue. Furthermore, I told them the most important fact that these monsters that came here were no more than half of the number. They didn't do anything much with half of the number but if the ones that we attacked in the mountain came here, human also would be attacked.

"I didn't ask you to be grateful but still if I want the reward, I can inform this matter to the guild and get the appropriate action." (Sirius)

Adventurer guild is a guild that exists all over the world, and this village that sells horses also has a connection to the merchant guild. If this bad reputation spreads, the evaluation of this village should fall considerably. They appeared to understand that since they somewhat calmed down and no one showed up to accuse us.

"However, since I am also bad at remembering, I will offer the raw materials of the defeated monsters. I can make some money out of it." (Sirius)

"…Thank you. I appreciate your consideration." (Village Head?)

There were those who weren't convinced but they probably thought that it would be bad to go against us who took Hokuto. The village head become the representative to close the deal.

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After that, we went to the village head's house, together with him, and I explained the details about the monster's characteristics and what would

happen if Hokuto wasn't here, and I asked him to explain to the villagers when they have calmed down. Even if we explain while in this situation, they probably won't be able to understand.

When they heard about the situation where their horses were attacked for the first time several days ago, the village head was going to make an urgent request to the guild but most of the villagers were angry and they said they wanted to catch the culprit by themselves. It seemed that they refused to make a request to the guild. Even so, the village head continued convincing them, and when the situation became calm, he made for a non urgent investigation request.

However, they were not attacked at all on the subsequent days, and they started to lose interest about it when we came… that was the result of the situation. Basically, it's almost because of the villagers' fault. We investigated properly while going for sightseeing deep in the forest, and there is no reason to complain since the monsters were also exterminated. I plan to get the rest of the reward tomorrow. I received the signature for completing the request and left the village head's house today.

At that time, Reese finished her treatment and as for the villagers, they dealt with the monsters and its raw materials while Emilia and Reus returned back. Thanks to those two who ran back with all their might, a problem occurred when we wanted to take a rest in the inn after reporting the result.

"Err, to bring such big monster to the inn is…" (Hotel Employee)

I had expected this but they refused to lodge Hokuto in the inn. Nonetheless, since I want to be together with Hokuto who I met again today after long time, I asked the hotel employee whether there is an empty stable.

After getting permission to use the stable which is not used at the moment, I went there together with Hokuto and since I went there, it's natural for the disciples to come too. In the end, all of us sleep together in the stable.

Well, there is a possibility of not able to stay in the inn when we arrive at villages or towns, so this is also an experience. Since there is a neat roof, it is still better compared to sleeping in open.

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By the way, I realized this when we received meals from the inn, I wonder what kind of food that the species of Hundred Wolves eat? When I asked Hokuto, he shook his head lightly and lowly barked.

“He is fine with not eating since he absorbs mana.” (Reus?)

The Hundred Wolves is somehow living with mana as a driving force, an existence that is close to spirits. Though it is possible for him to convert into mana by eating once, he doesn’t often eat too much, and it seems he can eat anything with the exception of poison. Surprisingly, he is a wolf which is kind to the family budget.

Since he is a rare existence, his habit is also unknown and he himself doesn’t know how long he has lived, so I think he was a normal dog that went through a terrifying evolution. Well, whatever it is, it doesn’t change the fact that my partner was reborn. I’d like to stay with him, whether my life or my civility is gone.

“Oo… doesn’t this feel good and warm? And you don’t need a sleeping bag.” (Reese)

“Yes. I thought about that when I picked Hokuto up but I really have good feeling with his fur.” (Sirius)

After Reese and I finished taking care of a meal and our bodies, we leaned against Hokuto who lied down and enjoyed his fur. At first, when I was about to spread the blanket that I borrowed from the inn, Hokuto personally had me use him, so I leaned against him without reserve.

Hokuto whose body became large didn’t feel like a burden to him and he looked happy when he was patted by me. I planned to sleep just like this but the siblings stood still as if there was nothing to do. I still had to discuss the plan for tomorrow since it was too early to sleep.

“What is it, you guys? How about coming here since you’re just standing there and doing nothing? Even Hokuto allows it.” (Sirius)

“No… how should I say this?” (Reus)

“After all, to be Hokuto-sama companion is a bit…” (Emilia)

When Hokuto made slightly strong bark to the siblings whose still being obliged, since they became flustered and swung their hands, I asked for the interpretation.

“Err, he said since we’re someone who serves Aniki, he is just a bit more senior compared to us, so we can be more casual.” (Reus)

“If Hokuto-sama says so…” (Emilia)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

“Yes! Well then, Hokuto-san…” (Reus)

“Please excuse me! Hokuto-san.” (Emilia)

Whether the siblings finally made up their mind or not, the siblings also leaned against Hokuto and were surprised with a pleasant feeling. They enjoyed it and calmed down after a bit, we discuss plan for tomorrow while leaning against Hokuto.

Even if I say a plan, I have received the reward from the village head but now, I want a horse to pull the carriage more. It would be fine if I explained and have them give me a horse but it seems like it’s going to be difficult for that, especially when the villagers are angry altogether because of the horses.

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As I concluded that it would be nice if the confusion would be settled by tomorrow, Hokuto barked while looking at me.

“What is it, Hokuto? Did you feel like hitting the villagers who made a fool?” (Sirius)

“That’s not it, Aniki! Hokuto-san said he can replace the horse.” (Reus)

“What did you say, do you intend to pull the carriage?” (Sirius)

When I looked at Hokuto, he was wagging his tail and was smiling as if saying to entrust the matter to him.

“I am grateful but with that, you will look nothing but a domestic animal. Are you fine with that?” (Sirius)

“That’s right! In worst case scenario, I’ll pull the carriage, so it is not necessary for Hokuto-san to do that.” (Reus)

Since it is a problem to the siblings, to make them silent, Hokuto interrupted the discussion and barked several times to convince them. When the exchange was over, it appeared that everything had been entirely decided since the siblings nodded in satisfaction.

But, I haven’t understood yet. They were a bit reluctant to treat Hokuto, who they see like family, as a domestic animal. Hokuto whined like a spoiled child and brought his nose at me who was being troubled.

“He said if he pulls it, a horse will not be necessary and also the food. He can help you other than fighting too. Even so, there is something he wants.” (Reus)

“What does he want?” (Sirius)

“He wants a collar. He wants proper proof as someone who attends Aniki.” (Reus)

“…Understood. Since there is truth to what he said, I will depend on him then. And, I will make a splendid collar.” (Sirius)

“That’s great, Hokuto.” (Reese)

“If it’s for Hokuto-san, the collar must be more splendid compared to collar that I’m wearing.” (Emilia)

I thought of correcting about the one I handed over to them was not a collar but a choker but I decided to leave it since they looked happy thinking of it as a collar.

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Things come one after another and I was getting tired. When I told them to sleep, the disciples made the breathing of a sleeping person in no time. I

probably want to call him as the Hokuto Pillow.

Now… it was only me and Hokuto left awake incidentally, I decided to have a slightly complicated talk. I have no problem if this is asked by the disciples but I tried my best not to let them know since it is unpleasant to explain that I used to murder someone in the past.

“Hokuto, how much can you remember your previous memory? Is that the feeling of forgetting the name and the face of a person?” (Sirius)

If yes, wag the tail. If no, do not swing it, and when I say to shake his head if he doesn’t understand, he wagged his tail for this question.

“Were you born from a baby too? And have you seen anyone or animal which reincarnated other than me?” (Sirius)

He waved his tail for the first question but he didn’t show any reaction on the later. As for asking this sooner or later about the time when Hokuto was an infant, this fellow also seemed to come over to this world in the similar situation as me.

Among the countless existence, I didn’t think I was able to be unexpectedly reincarnated with Hokuto in this world. While thinking so, when I think about the similarity between us is…

“Do you… remember master?” (Sirius)

Hokuto trembled for a moment but he was surely wagging his tail. Hmmm, you too after all think of her as a symbol of fear. Anyhow, the first thing I want to say when finding and looking at how splendid you have become is…

“If you become big, that is because of what you ate…” (Sirius)

So… After that, it seemed that you have gotten a meal properly when I wasn’t there, but the fear that is rooted didn’t disappear huh…

The talk swayed a little bit but the likelihood to think about something at the moment is none other but master. Or perhaps I should say, it is because I think that it is possible enough if it is with that superwoman.

Assuming that’s the truth, for what reason did she let Hokuto and I reincarnate to this world? Is it to save the world or accomplish something?

…Absolutely not.

At the moment, unless there is a critical situation where nuclear warheads are directly bombarded, I don't think I would beg to be reincarnated or something by instinct in order to live. Rather, if such a situation happened, I personally would go aggressive.

Perhaps, if such a thing was possible… I probably would do it.

Therefore, I live the way I like and it's not necessary to change anything since I have come this far. I laughed while seeing my partner's face that completely changed.

"Well… for whatever reason it is, please take care of me from now on, Hokuto." (Sirius)

"Woof!" (Hokuto)

As I heard the bark that Hokuto agreed to, I closed my eyes and fell asleep.

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On the next day, we made light exercise after we woke up and went ahead to the village head's house. And then, I got a pouch filled with several pieces of silver coins as a reward but I took 30% of it and handed it at the tip of Hokuto's nose who peeked in the house from a window.

"Look, this is the share from the monsters that you defeated." (Sirius)

Hokuto understood that but he pretended not to understand, threw the pouch on the table and looked away.

"That wolf doesn't seem to need it. Since he returned it, feel free to take it back." (Sirius)

"Aren't you the owner of that wolf? Then, you should receive it." (Village Head)

"I have no reason but I have to respect his decision. Besides, I am not his official owner because he is not registered to the guild yet." (Sirius)

It was a trivial farce but I am satisfied that I am able to meet him again and it is

better for them to have the money because the village is really in trouble.

After we return to Elysion, we will immediate report the completion of the request and as for Hokuto, he fulfills the condition to be registered as a monster attendant, a [Beast Companion].

“But, we’re still not clear about this…” (Village Head)

“If that’s the case, when you want to sell horses to the Galgan Company next time, please send good horses.” (Sirius)

Since it was troublesome, we immediately left the village head’s house after the discussion and when we were about to leave the village, there were several villagers lined up at the entrance.

I thought they were the ones who didn’t understand and maybe came to make an accusation but I guess it wasn’t because the village guard, who was treated by Reese, was among them.

They got closer to us while smiling, so we stopped to meet them.

“As I expected, it seems you’re going to leave soon. I guess it’s natural when you were insulted to that extent.” (Village Guard)

“Well it can’t be helped when seeing such looks. Besides, other people won’t feel relieved when I am with Hokuto.” (Sirius)

“Goodness, I can understand that to certain extent. It is regrettable we didn’t return enough favor before seeing you off.” (Village Guard)

“Even so, aren’t you also an adventurer?” (Sirius)

“Yes. And girl, that was really a splendid treatment. I never thought that I would recover until I could stand and walk in one day.” (Village Guard)

“I’m glad for you to recover without problems. I don’t need the medical fee, so please buy new armor with that money.” (Reese)

“Aah dang, I can’t take that out when you told me that earlier. Indeed… there seems to be someone whom known as saintess in Elysion but I think a person like you should be called like that.” (Village Guard)

Unable to admit that she was the said saintess, Reese made a dry smile at the

man who was laughing and grasping a pouch that was taken from the chest vexatiously.

The other people who mostly don't own any horses expressed their gratitude since they were spared from the trouble. There were some fearless children who threw themselves at Hokuto and made their parents panicked but we still left Gort Village with such good feeling.

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And it became serious when we returned back to Elysion.

Anyhow, I was requested for inquiry from guards at the town wall since I thoughtlessly brought a big wolf that was never seen. I told them that I was going to register Hokuto as my beast companion after this and it became an awkward situation where I had to demonstrate that he was trained in front of the gate since he was suspected of being dangerous.

It's started with a demonstration using 'Hand' command and various tricks, and it was ended when Reus and I put our heads into Hokuto's opened mouth. Finally, they completely believed us after looking at the demonstration until that part. Along the way, we were getting copper coins and stone coins from the people who were waiting for inspection because he was definitely mistaken for a show, what a fruitless addition of an income.

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I obtained a red cloth as a temporary proof of accompanied monster and after I wound it up around Hokuto's neck like a scarf, we finally were able to enter the town. Nonetheless, there is also a possibility that the whole town will panic if he, a big monster that was never seen before, walked openly.

Thus, Emilia suggested this.

"It is normal if he walk like this. If Sirius-sama rides on his back, it will be like

riding a horse and there will be less confusion when he is seen.” (Emilia)

Thus, the result of putting that into practice was no one ran away but… it was too conspicuous. As a wolf bigger than a horse attracted curious looks, not even a single person ran away. It seems there are many people from Elysion have strong curiosity. Occasionally, the beastkin with dog ears lowered their head, it looks like they really understand that Hokuto is a great being.

The siblings were proud and stick their chests out because Hokuto and I were attracting attention while Reese walked at the back since she seemed embarrassed. And then, I was exposed to curious gazes from my surroundings until I arrived at the adventurer’s guild.

Since I couldn’t bring Hokuto inside the building without permission, I gave an order to him to stand by in the space dedicated for beast companion located outside. After that, I went into the building and reported the completion of Gort Village’s request. I didn’t forget to report about the monster and the matter of Hokuto.

“… Understood. For the time being, I will send a warning letter to the village.” (Receptionist)

“Yes, please. However, please do it in moderation since the damage to their village is big.” (Sirius)

“Well, it can’t be helped then. With the point that doesn’t looking down on the monsters too much, if they did bad things in any case, I wonder if they thought about how to respond with the adventurer who adapted into the situation flexibly?” (Receptionist)

The whole village should reflect with this. Otherwise, the village won’t last long. With this, I had a feeling of completing the request finally.

“Nevertheless, what Sirius-kun chose was right. By any chance, they didn’t think the enemies were a group of Hungry Deva and fresh adventurers can exterminate the monsters if they entrust the matter.” (Receptionist)

“I appreciate your introduction. Because I was able to meet that fellow again.” (Sirius)

“You mean the wolf earlier, right? What kind of child is he? Are you bringing

him for registration as a beast companion?” (Receptionist)

“Sirius-sama, I will call for him.” (Emilia)

“It’s not necessary to call him.” (Sirius)

I put a finger on my mouth and blew a whistle. Blowing the whistle a little bit long is a calling signal if he is not far, Hokuto recognized it since he was trained in the previous life. While gathering the attention of ‘what is he doing?’ from the surroundings, the outside of the building became slightly noisy and the door opened at the same time, and then Hokuto appeared.

Hokuto entered slowly in order not to break the door, walked slowly so that people won’t get vigilant and lie in front of us. However, there was something put on Hokuto.

“So you came, Hokuto. But is that rope an accessory?” (Sirius)

The rope was somehow caught on his neck, and the were three men coiled around. Even in that state, Hokuto continued to pull the men towards him, and made a bark for Emilia to translate.

“Let me see… as soon as he slept outside, a rope was suddenly hung around him. Were they, by chance, trying to steal Hokuto?” (Emilia)

“Haa… Haa… That’s not it! That fellow is our monster! You’ll be in trouble if you didn’t listen!” (??)

“Are you kidding me!? Hokuto is Aniki’s!” (Reus)

“Shut up! Hey, come here, you!” (??)

“Since I haven’t registered him yet as a beast companion, I have no proof that he is mine but what should I do in this situation?” (Sirius)

I tried asking the receptionist who was stunned probably because she didn’t expect this big size. Because of that, the receptionist regained herself and looked between Hokuto and I while calling for the person in charge for beast companion.

“Hmmm, since I can’t determine who is the master for the beast companion, I can only look.” (Receptionist)

“In short, it is fine if you can do it just by looking. By the way, will it be alright with self defense?” (Sirius)

“Eh? If he attacked, it will be natural to think it as a revenge but…” (Receptionist)

“Hokuto, I allow you.” (Sirius)

With my instruction, Hokuto shook his forefoot three times and the men who got it were smashed and stretched to the floor. It was an excellent control which suppressed and stunned the opponents without breaking the floor.

On the other hand, he came closer, rubbed against me and behaved like a spoiled child. There is no need to compare who is the master.

“… Yes. Well then, until the person in charge comes, please fill up this form. Aah, Guard-san. Please apprehend the attempted thieves over there.” (Receptionist)

The people in the guild were surprised by Hokuto’s assault but they immediately resumed their business. Whether the place where adventurers gathers rowdy people, they are very quick to adapt with such rough situation.

The guild guard who always resides at his usual place, carried the man on his back while I finished filling in the paperwork.

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Talking about the conclusion, Hokuto’s registration was over easily.

There was an instructor in charge for the test, since they are looking at him whether he can faithfully follow a command from whoever brings him to certain extent in the training ground, there is no way for Hokuto to make a mistake because he can completely understand me.

In the test of fetching things, there was also an accident where Emilia and Reus started running the moment a branch was thrown, but the instructors said no problem and gave permission.

To register a beast companion, a magic formation must be drawn somewhere on the body, so a small magic formation was drawn on his right forefoot. I didn’t

want that to be drawn excessively on Hokuto's beautiful white hair but there is no other choice because it's a rule. Well, let's say it was fine since Hokuto seemed looked happy after seeing the magic formation on his right foreleg.

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The registration was over and we went to the Galgan Company immediately. It is because we have to adjust the carriage according to Hokuto. Zack and the people from the company were surprised when they saw Hokuto but they might think since it was me, they immediately adapted.

When I went ahead to the warehouse that stored the carriage, Reus, who saw it for the first time, was surprised with glittering eyes.

"Ooo, amazing! This is a carriage designed by Aniki!" (Reus)

"That's right. There are various functions but I'll tell you when we head out for the trip." (Sirius)

The appearance of my designed carriage is a metal covered carriage. However, in order to go for long trip, it is installed with various functions.

First of all, the important wheel is firmly made with strong Gravilite, its hold strength will not lose against Reus if he really hit it hard. It is also used for important parts and incorporates mithril, which makes it easy to transfer mana to the required points. This makes it easier to transfer the mana directly and when the defense magic is invoked, the carriage will be protected.

There are also parts made of cloth but it is durable since it is made of magic threads used in school. It should be able to withstand if it hit with something like [Flame Lance].

There are shutter type doors in front and on the rear of the carriage, and of course there is a suspension that suppresses the vibration of the wheels. Since the carriages in this world were shaky, this makes the ride comfortable.

There are also other features like anti-theft function and it is safely to assume that this is the strongest carriage. It may be closer to a camper than a carriage.

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And the result is, the cost incurred was tremendous because plenty rare ores were used. Although it was an impossible lump sum, Zack covered almost all of the cost as a prototype of Galgan Company's new product and I had to give half of my fortunes.

"I thought it would be nice because all functions were installed. It had become an unusually expensive carriage but is it really alright for me to have it?" (Sirius)

"I have earned a lot of money because of Danna's various ideas, and since I never give anything back, please don't hesitate to take it. Or perhaps I should say, this suspension technology is a revolution of a carriage! If this spreads out, there is no doubt that the nobles will flood in flocks." (Zack)

"Since it is difficult to produce the parts, try not to burden the craftmen. How is it, Hokuto? Is the harness not too tight?" (Sirius)

A harness is something that connects a carriage and a horse but I modified it to make something exclusive for Hokuto. I tried not to constrain his movement as much as possible but Hokuto barked that he had no problem.

This harness is made to be also removable by Hokuto himself, and in case of emergency, he can separate himself from the carriage and be able to fight. Of course, I tell him in advance to abandon the carriage when the situation becomes dangerous. Hokuto is more important than the carriage.

"I thought it might be hopeless for common horse but it seems to be alright if it is with Hokuto." (Sirius)

"There is no meanings unless it can't be done at times. Let's try to run it a bit." (Zack)

The weaknesses of this carriage is it consumes time and money to be produced and the weight of the carriage itself.

Gravilite is strong and durable but it is heavy. Since such Gravilite was used generously, the drawback is that this carriage is several times heavier than a

normal carriage.

But on this carriage, it is drawn with gravity reduction magic formation that I came across, and it can be fitted on a common horse. There may be a time when the weight is needed, so the original weight can be restored if the supply of mana is stopped.

When I was small, I received an unusually light sword from Dee, I was told the trick that made it possible was because of a magic formation. The magic formation will absorb mana from air naturally and it is limited to lighten an inorganic matter. Since I informed it to the Headmaster, it may spread all over the world sometime soon.

I tried to let Hokuto pull with lightened weight but he is walking with no problem. Taking this opportunity, I stopped the spell and set it to its original weight but he is pulling a severe weight comparable to being pull by five or six horses easily. I am very satisfied with my partner who is more reliable than I expected.

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The preparation was completed like this and… two days later.

Though we stumbled at the beginning, our friends and we finally went for a trip.

We gathered in front of the entrance to Galgan Company, and we got seen off by many people. Most people were surprised to see Hokuto.

As for Emilia and Reus, their acquaintances from school and the people who know him from the town wanted to shake hands with them. Emilia’s lifetime disciples and Reus’ friends (aka underlings) were shedding tears like a flood and it dragged on for a while.

As for Reese, Princess Lifell, in disguise, came to see her off and now she was saying goodbye while hugging her.

“You must not overdo it. And find what you want to do.” (Lifell)

“Yes, I will try to look for something that I can do.” (Reese)

“Yeah, that’s a good answer. Sirius-kun, Emilia, Reus… as an older sister, please take care of my younger sister. Ah, of course, Hokuto-kun too.” (Lifell)

After separating from Reese, Princess Lifell embraced Hokuto who was standing by in front of the carriage and pressed her cheeks.

“Aah… this feeling is the best after all. Reese, this feeling, Sirius-kun and everyone is going far away, this is really sad.” (Lifell)

Even the princess’ professional maid, Senia, was on guard when seeing Hokuto for the first time. However, she patted him at the same time introducing herself. That was the situation of being hugged strongly for two days.

“My lady… you have to stop, please. Reese-sama, Senia will always wish for your happiness.” (Senia)

“Me too. I will protect Pri… my lady with my life, so please don’t worry and enjoy the trip.” (Melt)

“Senia and Melt too, thank you. Please take care of Ane-sama.” (Reese)

When I was bid farewell by the two attendants of the princess, Mark came in front of me asking for a handshake.

“Though it feels lonely, I think you are capable of doing anything in the world. So, do not hesitate to go. Until I am befit to be your companion, I will keep on working hard.” (Mark)

“I don’t want to become famous, I just want to live a decent life. Next time you probably will become the head of the household, so should I use -sama?” (Sirius)

“Whatever it is, Mark is fine. Well then, let’s meet again.” (Mark)

“Aah, see you again, Mark.” (Sirius)

When we shook hands, Mark was smiling naturally towards his best friend.

The one that came last was the Headmaster in disguise. I think the alias name was Vile-sensei and similar to Mark, I shook his hands as he wanted a handshake.

“You keep training like a school student but you didn’t seem to be like most students. I don’t have anything to say but associating with you, not as a teacher and a student, but as an equal adults was fun.” (Vile/Rodwell)

“Though I feel like a cheeky student, I also enjoyed it. Thank you for teaching me a lot of things.” (Sirius)

“Yes, and if we are fated to see each other again…” (Vile/Rodwell)

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When we finished saying farewell, we got on the carriage, Hokuto who had been waiting connected the harness and the carriage by himself and prepared for a departure.

The rest is a command.

“Let’s depart, Hokuto!” (Sirius)

There is no need to whip Hokuto, when I gave instruction, he barked and walked forward.

Moving away slowly from the people who lined up in front of the Galgan Company entrance, they kept waving their hands until they were out of sight.

Passing through the town wall, we head out of Elysion and gone on a well maintained road.

While looking at the wall that would not be visible in a bit, we confirmed the next destination.

“First, let’s visit Erina’s grave and after that, Onee-chan’s hometown.” (Emilia)

“It took more time to depart and Noel-nee will probably get angry if we don’t hurry.” (Reus)

“However, it was alright since you could see Hokuto again because of that. Like this, we don’t have to worry about what is pulling the carriage.” (Reese?)

“That’s right. Nonetheless, I won’t deny that Noel will get angry, so let’s raise the speed a little. I depend on you, Hokuto.” (Sirius)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

The carriage speed became a little faster than normal speed, pulled by Hokuto

who wore the red collar that I put on this morning that reflected the sunlight.

Our new journey has finally begun.

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Extra/Bonus

If translating what Hokuto's says, it would be like this.

"No… how should I say this?" (Reus)

"After all, to be Hokuto-sama companion is a bit…" (Emilia)

[I may be a great being for you. But now, I am an attendant of my master and I have a little more seniority to you. Therefore, there isn't much of a difference, so I would you like you to interact more normally.] (Hokuto)

"If Hokuto-sama says so…" (Emilia)

[Keep the '-sama' for the master only. Like Reese over there who abandon hers, it is alright to use '-san' instead.] (Hokuto)

"Yes! Well then, Hokuto-san…" (Reus)

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"I am grateful but with that, you will look nothing but a domestic animal. Are you fine with that?" (Sirius)

[If I pull, there is no need for horses and I don't need any food expenses. Above all, other than fighting, I can be useful to you guys. Emilia and Reus. As a wolf, I can do nothing but this, so I want you to leave this to me. There must be plenty of things that only you guys can do. If it's good, can you tell master that I want a collar? I want something as a symbol of attending him.] (Hokuto)

"Well… for whatever reason it is, please take care of me from now on,

Hokuto.” (Sirius)

[Yes. Wherever you go.] (Hokuto)

Chapter 4: The Visit to the Grave

We are heading towards Almest, the town where we parted with Noel and Dee.

It is also because of Hokuto's ability. If the carriage is running at twice the speed than usual, it will be violently shaken. However the shaking in the carriage was reduced thanks to the suspension, and we were able to spend the night comfortably.

"That's amazing, my butt doesn't hurt even though it is running with this speed." (Emilia)

"This section is also very soft and somehow this is the type of carriage which nobles ride on." (Reese)

The inside of the carriage is not wide but the mat made of soft materials is laid out, and it's also reasonable to sleep together in a huddle.

The distance from Elysion to Almest is five days by carriage but at this rate, it is likely to arrive at half the schedule.

Emilia and Reese were staying leisurely inside the carriage but Reus and I climbed up on the carriage's roof and stood on one leg with an unstable posture. Although the shaking is reduced, it didn't all disappear, so we stood here to train our sense of balance.

"The sense of balance is important. If you are trained, it's possible to do headstand even in such a condition, and you also can do it with one hand." (Sirius)

"Alright, me too…hmm…uwaa!" (Reus)

As Reus tried to imitate me by doing a headstand, the moment when he lifted one hand from the carriage roof, the carriage hit stones or something and lifted greatly, and Reus fell because of the shock.

He rolled over while screaming but he was calmed since he immediately put on a defensive stance. I ordered Hokuto to stop the carriage.

With such conditions, the carriage continued running, proceeding smoothly without being attacked by monsters or thieves even once while on the road. Even if we meet them, the monsters were afraid of Hokuto and didn't attack us and the thieves couldn't keep up with the speed of the carriage, so it's understandable.

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We finally arrived at Almest after three days, and then we went to the abandoned mansion where I was born and raised. Our food supplies are sufficient, so instead of going to the town, it is faster to go there instead. Since the location where mother lies can't be accessed by the carriage, we should leave the carriage at the mansion and walk there.

We passed this road only when we left the house, but we firmly remembered the way. Thus, I came back to the mansion that I was born for the first time in five years.

When I came down from the carriage and looked up at the mansion, it made me remember the good old days that I spent with mother and the attendants. Although it had been only five years, why do I miss it so much? But, there is nothing necessarily that I need here, either people or things. The place where I should return is…

"Though Reus and I haven't been here for two years, it feels like we've returned to our home." (Emilia)

"That's true. Here is also where I met Aniki." (Reus)

That was because Reus had fainted when I found him, and when he woke up, it became the first meeting at this mansion. In those days, he was a cheeky child but he adores me as an Aniki now. He is a splendid swordsman who can swing big swords easily. Among us, the one that grew the most is probably him.

"Which remind me, at that time, Reus was biting Sirius-sama's hand. When I think now, what a terrible thing he did." (Emilia)

"Was there such thing!? It's hard to believe when I look at Reus now." (Reese)

“Stop it, you guys! That was… that was… my biggest mistake.” (Reus)

“That’s true. At that time, you were desperately trying to protect Emilia, right?” (Reese)

“Yes, that was right. It was a bit complicated but thanks for that time, Reus.” (Emilia)

Emilia caught Reus’ head under her harm and pounded it while Reese was trying to console her by clapping his shoulder

I noticed a feeling out of place when looking at the mansion while I disregarded the attendants. Although we have left it for five years, the mansion is not abandoned at all. If it was just left like that, it should be covered by weeds and trees, but it is completely maintained like when we were living there. Maybe someone lives here?

When I started having doubt, the entrance to the mansion was opened and an old butler appeared. He seemed like a butler that exceeds 60 years and is filled with dignity, I felt a similar air of professionalism similar to mother.

“For what reason are you in such a place? Is this a visit after knowing that this is the house owned by the nobles of Dorianus family?” (Butler)

“Aah… yes, I know that. We only happened to pass here.” (Sirius)

“I don’t think that you happened to pass this place. I don’t think you are a robber, so I recommend you to leave immediately.” (Butler)

He made a gentle smile but if something happens, we will be seriously forced out with an intimidating force. However, I would explain properly since I didn’t come to fight.

“We have a business on the mountain at the back, but our carriage can’t enter the mountain path, so we thought to leave it here.” (Sirius)

“Mountain… is it? I don’t remember hearing anything that is there.” (Butler)

“We will return immediately, it’s just a small business. We are going to leave it here until the early afternoon at the latest, would that be alright?” (Sirius)

After the old butler looked up at the sky for an instant, he nodded after showing that he had thought about it a bit. It still early based on the brightness

of the sky, if we take off with our carriage after visiting the grave, we will arrive at Almest by evening.

“…There is no problem if you leave the carriage here. Since there is a space, you can use it as you like. However, you must absolutely leave in the afternoon.” (Butler)

As the butler declared coldly, he closed the entrance. I am not able to step over this compound anymore because I threw away that family name. I had a bitter smile, but the siblings were disappointed because we weren’t able to convince them.

“I understand the reason but it is sad that Sirius-sama can’t enter the house that you lived.” (Emilia)

“Though it is a house with our precious memories…” (Reus)

“It can’t be helped. The house is surely important but I already cut off any relation with that man who did bad things to mother and the others.” (Sirius)

Talking about that Bardomyl, I probably won’t be born because of that blood related father but the interaction after that was cruel, so I absolutely won’t call him father. Whether the siblings understand that feeling, the siblings, who stood on my left and right sides, didn’t say anything anymore.

While stroking the siblings’ heads, I instructed Hokuto to place the carriage in the space in front of the entrance that was directed by the old butler. Emilia asked me when I would be ready to enter the mountain while holding the necessary things on hand.

“Sirius-sama, will the carriage be alright if it is left here just like that?

“That’s right. There’s also a possibility where thieves and bad people will steal the carriage while we are not here.” (Reese)

“I have thought about that properly. When mana is poured here in the carriage, the anti-theft function will be activated.” (Sirius)

The magic formation will cancel the weight reduction, and there is a switch that simultaneously activates the side brake that makes the wheels unable to turn. Furthermore, it is going to be alright because the shutter doors attached

on every direction of the carriage are lowered and locked. Since the shutter doors are made from Gravilite, it doesn't break easily and it is necessary to have the strength to destroy the carriage itself in order to get inside.

It will let out a special mana wave that can be found by my [Search], so I can find it immediately even if it is stolen if by any chance.

With no truck or heavy machineries in this world, I don't think it is easy to move a several ton carriage with wheels that can't turn. After I finished setting it up, I asked Reus to test it.

"Oo…oooo!? It's not giving an inch, Aniki!" (Reus)

"When it's installed with dedicated wheel stop, it won't be easily moved. Well, unless there is a monster that can lift several tonnes worth of carriage." (Sirius)

Since I installed anti-theft function for such conduct, I think I will praise the thieves instead if they can steal it. Well, I would chase them properly and after praising them, I will give them punishment.

Lastly, we lowered down the shutter doors, finished our preparation and entered the mountain.

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For me, this mountain vicinity is no better than a courtyard and I can clearly grasp the direction. That is natural when I kept exploring and ran through the mountains for several years.

Though the siblings only went for short apprentice, they also treated it like a courtyard. As we went towards mother's grave, we reminisced the past while going along the path with the flower bloom.

"I really missed this, I often spoiled my stomach by eating the things that I picked up around here." (Reus)

"Reese, you can't eat that fruit. It is poisonous and it's painful when I ate it." (Emilia)

The two who picked things immediately at that time had no knowledge, and they were hungry for long time. They were poisoned by eating mushrooms and

tree nuts without properly confirming it first. It was difficult when they threw up every time they drank the medicines. I can say that their survival skills have greatly increased because of that experience.

When I recalled the hardship at the beginning with distant eyes, Reese who noticed it touched my shoulder while having bitter smile, and Hokuto also came closer, rubbing his face to console me.

“…It was hard, isn’t it?” (Reese)

“Woof…” (Hokuto)

“Yeah… it was.” (Sirius)

Since the siblings were reckless once in awhile, he somewhat understood it and tried to match with Reese. It’s nice to have a friend.

“Furthermore, we also annihilated groups of goblins many times. We practiced various skills.” (Reus)

“The scene where groups of goblins that were blown like fallen leaves by Sirius-sama’s spells was splendid.” (Emilia)

“I was in good condition at that time.” (Sirius)

We ran around the forest while looking for goblins through [Search] and when we found it, the siblings would practice fighting them, and it was a complete annihilation when testing a new spell.

Since we went too far, I heard from Dee about the request of [Investigating the cause of goblins’ reduction in the mountain’] from the town guild.

“Everyone understood well when they heard how terrific the children are.” (Sirius)

While pointing that out to Reese, we were going through a familiar mountain path.

“Uwaah…amazing.” (Reese)

And when we arrived at a flower garden where mother rest, Reese was fascinated while letting out amazed voice.

I thought it would be weird if nothing was changed after five years but the

flower garden bloomed well on the entire area while the big tree, that stood at the center of it, remained as it was.

“The best about this place is that it remained the same. Though it is not as good as the place where we met Hokuto, it is still a good place, isn’t it?” (Sirius)

“Yes. If over there is a paradise of the night, here is the paradise of the day. There are really various things in the world.” (Reese)

“Erina-san’s grave is under the tree over there.” (Reus)

“We have to introduce Reese, don’t you think? Let’s go quickly.” (Emilia)

The siblings grabbed Reese’s hands and began to run. This place was where we played Frisbee for the first time, and maybe that’s why they began to run unconsciously while remembering that time. Reese was a little bit troubled but she was smiling while being pulled by those two.

“Well, shall we go too? I have to introduce you too.” (Sirius)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

Accompanied by Hokuto, I chased after those three.

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The gravestone was rolled with vines and covered with dirt after five years but it was still standing out. So, we began cleaning it first. Even though cleaning was easy, we cleared the tangled vines and polished the tombstone with cloth and it was over.

And with the wine we bought, we sat again in front of the gravestone and reported to mother.

“Long time no see… Kaa-san. Five years have passed since then and I grew so much. I have abandoned the household but I have also made new friends and I am doing fine.” (Sirius)

I got up and outstretched my hands to display myself.

I am 14 years old now, and I got taller than I was five years ago and my face looks more masculine. I become an adventurer and I think I lived according to

mother's will.

"Besides, look at me. I got this from the next queen of Elysion. I was invited personally by the royal family." (Sirius)

Currently, I am putting on the mantle that I got from Princess Lifell which is proof of being an Imperial Guard. I don't usually wear it but I brought it from the carriage to show it to mother.

By the way, I am wearing a long coat that reaches my knees underneath the mantle and I am wearing my usual battle attire underneath it. I don't wear equipment that is like armor but this long coat is strong because it is made from magic threads, and since there is a belt fastened to the waist part from the top, there is little restraint on my movement.

Then, I talked about the days that I spent at the school. Since I was anxious, there were things that I didn't inform while displaying uneasy eyes but the siblings and Reese continued talking while interposing in between.

"…There were various things happening, but we graduated from school without a problem. I will travel around the world from now on, so I will not be able to see you for a while." (Sirius)

I will not be able to come for at least a few years, but I wonder what I will become at that time. Well, it can't be helped even if I think about the unknown future. I was talking about everything alone and when I handed it over to the disciples, who waited behind me, they stood in front of the grave and bowed down.

"Long time no see, Erina-san. Though Sirius-sama told you the details, I have only one thing to say. I am working hard on what you have taught me. Therefore… please watch over me." (Emilia)

As for Emilia, my mother taught her the way of being an attendant and there is no mistake that she is a reliable existence to me. The remarkable scene that was showed to them before Erina passed away made me think that it was entirely like a parent and their child.

She turned around once on the spot to display herself, just like I did. By the way, Emilia is wearing thick clothing from top to bottom, similar to what female

adventurers wear, with a breastplate made of light ore and a lightweight dress. Since her style is similar to mine that emphasizes on speed and evasion, her personal armor is made to the extent of protecting the vital spots.

“Erina-san. I eat well by chewing properly, like you told me. I am slightly confused about honorifics but I pay attention when I am out in public.” (Reus)

As for Reus, mother is really his favorite person. The first person he knew was mother and he was being patted on the head many times. Reus can be seen as a heartless person who forgets her previous mother, but it is probably because he has a natural and wild thinking, but he quickly changed because of human life and death. I know that he thinks strongly about his parents from the bottom of his heart.

Is he going to match with us? While saying that, Reus displayed his appearance. Among us, he is the first one who goes up front but since he either avoids the enemy’s’ assault or brushes it off with his sword, he’s wearing light armor that protects vital spots with strong guard protectors. This is also the case of ‘Hard Break – One-hand Sword’ style, where it is about killing before being killed.

“Nice to meet you, Erina-san. I am Faeris, I am Sirius-san’s friend. I have become his disciple. I have always been helped by them.” (Reese)

Reese’s attire is a one-piece robe dyed in pale blue that matches with her hair color. This special attire was sent from Princess Lifell, it is a robe that is at the same level as the one that the headmaster wore during our match. Senia told Reese secretly that it seemed the attire cost tremendous amount of money, a glimpse of the deepness of her sister’s love.

Though the robe emphasizes the functions with little decoration, there is a casual one-point on the sleeves and collar, and it suits her very well. By the way, she got a pendant drawn with defense magic formation from her father and it’s glittering from the inside of her attire.

Those three wore the mantles that they got during the graduation ceremony on their armor and attire, and spread it as a display to mother.

“Please look at us. We received Sirius-sama’s lesson, and we got this splendid mantle from school.” (Emilia)

“Out of several hundred students, only selected excellent students will be able to get it. Isn’t that the result of being Aniki’s attendant?” (Reus)

“I was also selected thanks to Sirius-san. The person whom you brought up makes a lot of people happy.” (Reese)

When they are almost done, we finally introduce Hokuto. Hokuto came in front of the grave, lowered his head slowly and bowed. Though it’s normal to do it, it’s amazing for a wolf who understands the courtesy.

“Kaa-san, this fellow is Hokuto, he is our friend.” (Sirius)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

I wonder what would mother’s reaction if she met Hokuto when she still alive. She would probably react unexpectedly normal. She didn’t go easy to anyone who was hostile against me but she would be kind if she knew that they were my friend.

Anyhow, we are done reporting mother. Finally, we all silently prayed together, poured the contents of the wine on the grave and we left mother’s grave.

I will come again…

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“We played Frisbee over there…” (Reus)

While on the way back, Reus muttered regretfully with dropped ears and tail. In addition to his reaction, Emilia and Hokuto also dropped down their tails like a chain.

“Well. That butler told us to leave soon, so it can’t be helped, you know.” (Sirius)

“Woof…” (Hokuto)

“I don’t know when this will be, but I will bring Noel and Dee together next time. Let’s bring a lunch box and play Frisbee.” (Sirius)

The siblings and the animal were pleased while wagging their tails. Oops, I shouldn’t forget Noel’s children. In any case, it’s going to be like a large family

when we go next time.

We returned to the mansion a bit in a hurry but it was still late morning judging from the sun's position.

I am not sure what the reason is, but we should leave immediately since the old butler of the mansion told us to leave by afternoon.

I took off the imperial guard mantle and put it on the carriage. When I was about to release the safety device… I noticed several signs approaching our direction.

I invoked [Search] immediately to gather information on someone who was approaching us.

"There are four… no five people. It seems they are coming here by a carriage." (Sirius)

"What are going to do, Aniki? Do we need to prepare for a battle?" (Reus)

"No, they are not coming for us. They probably have business with the mansion. So… the reason that butler tried to make us leave was because of this?" (Sirius)

"Did you notice anything?" (Emilia?)

"Think about it, who is the owner of the mansion?" (Sirius)

""Wha!?"" (Emilia/Reus?)

There is no mistake that the mana reaction that I felt through [Search] was coming from someone that I have known in the past. The timing was really bad for us to come here.

Even if I try to head out without being noticed, there is only one way for a carriage to pass and there is no space to hide a big thing like our carriage. There is no other way then, let's just prepare for the worst and face them

I ordered Hokuto not to get in the way of the incoming carriage, and when we moved our carriage, the disciples were whispering at the rear.

"Hey, do both of you know who is coming?" (Reese)

"It's the owner of the mansion. It is the bad person who made fun of Aniki and

Erina-san.” (Reus)

“Sirius-sama’s… that…” (Emilia)

While Emilia was wondering what to say, a carriage appeared from the road and stopped in front of the entrance. At any rate, it was a large carriage. It seemed the carriage was enough to fit five people but the roof had been scattering off the branches that stretched in the way.

The man who sat on the coachman seat looked suspiciously at us but he ran to open the door of the carriage without saying anything.

“The road is still narrow as ever, Father. Shouldn’t you think about it soon?” (??)

“That’s right. We need to make it wider.” (Bardomyl)

As I expected, the once my father came out of the carriage, Bardomyl Dorianus. It seems that his stomach is even bigger compared with what I saw five years ago but there isn’t many changes in appearance.

And the one who came out from behind was a bit handsome tall young man. In some respect, his features look similar to Bardomyl, and he called him father. He is probably my…

In addition to that, a man and a woman came out from the carriage. They are probably an escort because they are dressed like adventurers while having weapons.

The escorts noticed us and turned their weapon but Baldomyl stopped with extended hands.

“You… why are you here?” (Bardomyl)

“Father, do you know them?” (??)

“Hmmm. A foolish man who threw away our family name after paying the money. He was once your half-blood brother.” (Bardomyl)

“You are the one who is foolish…” (Emilia)

They didn’t seem to hear what Emilia muttered but I also agree with her. Whether Reese also noticed the situation or not, she was touching my back with

a slightly sad face.

“What are you doing in such place? Did you feel like returning back home now?” (Bardomyl)

“That’s impossible. I came here because I had small business, but I am about to leave now.” (Sirius)

“Hmm, I don’t know what you want to do, but I’m not going to let you leave in silence. There is something I would like to hear from you.” (Bardomyl)

“Since I have nothing to do here, please excuse me.” (Sirius)

Just talking makes my head hurt. Even if he is a father for once, I don’t want to deal with it with my own hands. So, I tried to go to the carriage to escape immediately, but I felt the adventurers draw their weapons and so I raised my precaution level. As my disciples also put their hands on their weapons, it had become a critical situation where a battle could start at any time soon.

“…What do you want?” (Sirius)

“Didn’t you hear what I said? I said I have something I want to hear from you. I will not you to disappear without permission.” (Bardomyl)

“Yeah! Where do you plan to go without listening to Father’s order?” (??)

Oh dear…if I don’t deal with this properly, they will forget it. While sighing, I ordered my disciples to stop being vigilant with hand signal.

“Understood. So, what do you want to talk about?” (Sirius)

“Why should I speak outside? I will allow you to enter the mansion, so we’ll talk there.” (Bardomyl)

That self-important way of talking… that hasn’t changed at all. While I somehow felt like laughing, I followed Bardomyl and his son into the mansion, but the escort adventurers and my disciples were told to wait outside.

“We are Sirius-sama attendants! We have the right to join in!” (Emilia)

“Yeah! I had enough with the noble’s manner!” (Reus)

“Shut up, you demi humans! Don’t you interfere like a commoner!” (Bardomyl)

“It’s enough for you demi humans to stay outside. You escorts, keep watch

over them and don’t let them escape!” (??)

Although the escorts are equipped with good weapons and armors, but judging from their footwork and muscle, Emilia might be stronger. I sent a [Call] with low voice with a smile to tell the disciples to retaliate if they were attacked.

“I will only talking for a moment, so please wait quietly.” (Sirius)

“…Understood.” (Emilia)

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When I approached the entrance of the mansion while the siblings grinded their teeth vexingly, the door was opened from inside and the old butler appeared. And then, he beautifully bowed and invited the master, Bardomyl, into the mansion.

“Welcome home, Bardomyl-sama, young master. Oh… and this person is?” (Butler)

“Hmm, he is somewhat of a guest. Entertain him properly since I have to talk a bit to him.” (Bardomyl)

“Riding the carriage made me thirsty. Prepare a tea immediately, Valio.” (??)

“Understood. I will prepare it at once. Do you have a request?” (Valio)

While the two of them quickly moved inside, the old butler called Valio also asked me if I want anything, but I told him with small voice that couldn’t be heard by them.

“It seems the master has come sooner than I expected…” (Sirius)

When he told us to leave immediately when we came here, was it because he didn’t want to let me meet with Bardomyl? I am not sure why he tilted his head, but Valio loosened his lips for a moment and muttered.

“I am a former colleague of Erina and I know you more or less. Because of that, I told you that to avoid you from being troubled but they came earlier than I expected. I am embarrassed when master is being moody.” (Valio)

“It can’t be helped since that has happened. Anyway, I’ll work hard to let it go

past somehow.” (Sirius)

“I can’t lend a hand since I am a butler for the master. I am going to prepare tea, so with this…” (Valio)

“Oi, are you going to come soon!?” (Bardomyl)

Although Valio doesn’t seems to be an enemy, he isn’t a friend either. I followed Baldomyl, who was shouting from his back.

The place was… Erina’s room. The tools that Erina used for compounding and the table used for teaching Emilia and others about being attendants didn’t leave any trace behind, only a wasteful gorgeous table and sofa were placed in the center. Aah… all the memories of the room are totally spoiled.

Those two sat on the sofa with a depressing feeling, so when I sat on their opposite side, Bardomyl was laughing with a proud face.

“What do you think? Isn’t it a splendid sofa and table that are unreachable for a commoner?” (Bardomyl)

“That’s right. It seems extremely popular.” (??)

If it’s this much, I had it in the Diamond Cottage, and the sofa in the headmaster’s room is more comfortable anyway. Well, here is a rural area if I want to compare it with Elysion, so I’m not going to say anything.

“Aah, at least it is good. This excellent son, Karios, invented a new tool, and sold it to a company in town and gained a lot of money.” (Bardomyl)

“That’s natural when I am my Father’s son.” (Karios)

Did he do the same things as me? I am not sure how much money he got, but does it feel good to be cocky?

While I was thinking so, Valio knocked and came in, and he prepared tea for several people on the table. Judging from the smell, it doesn’t seem to contain poison.

“Hmmm, Valio’s tea is delicious as I expected. It’s also good to drink it in this quiet place.”(Bardomyl)

“Thank you very much.” (Valio)

“You also managed this mansion perfectly, so come back to our mansion, Valio.” (Karios)

“Thank you for your kind words, but I plan to spend the rest of my life peacefully. Please have mercy.” (Valio)

“There is no other way then. My wife and others will also come tomorrow, but I will ask you to stay for about three days this time.”(Bardomyl)

“Please leave it to me. I will prepare the best holiday.” (Valio)

Is the mansion in good condition because it is managed by Valio even after five years? For this parent and child, here is like holiday villa.

When I looked at Bardomyl who talked happily about being away from the hecticness of earthly life, I suddenly remember what to ask.

“Which remind me, what happened to the money that I gave to you?” (Sirius)

“Really!? I wanted to ask that, you bastard. What did you do with those gold coins?” (Bardomyl)

So when Bardomyl remembered about that too, his expression changed to anger. Or perhaps I should say, was that the main issue here?

“What… about it? I only handed over the gold coins, wasn’t it?” (Sirius)

“Don’t play around! Because of that the gold coins, I…” (Bardomyl)

It was said that various things had made him angry, but that’s sums things up.

Five years ago, I handed over dozens of gold coins as a consolation money to throw away my family name. To tell the truth, as I also include harassment, I invoked a time delayed [Impact] on the gold coins beforehand, but it seemed that it was a big hit.

When he entered a shop to use the money soon after reaching a nearby town, the [Impact] was timely invoked, and it seemed that gold coins were scattered around with tremendous momentum.

That had made several goods in the shop broken, and countless bruises on his face and body. Furthermore, several gold coins flew outside the shop. As a result, it seemed he was in difficult situation where he didn’t have enough

money to reimburse the damage goods because of the medical fee.

At that time, I went to Elysion to escape, but that made me think about a guts pose in my mind more than I expected.

“You had a hard time, isn’t it? By the way, isn’t it strange to complain to me who wasn’t there?” (Sirius)

“Silent! It was you who handed me the money! And because of that, I had to struggle unnecessarily!” (Bardomyl)

“Even if you say that, I have given you that money, and I can’t be responsible of what will happen after that, you know.” (Sirius)

“You, bastard, were the cause! Therefore, you need to pay me.” (Bardomyl)

Although I enjoyed listening to the result, the main issue of the discussion is silly. I didn’t realize my gaze was getting colder until below freezing point. Then, Bardomyl vented his anger and looked outside while laughing and grinning.

“Judging from the carriage outside and your dress, it seems you have accomplishments somewhere. Though you are the child of such a woman, my blood still flows in you.” (Bardomyl)

“If I say I am successful, yes I am, but your blood has nothing to do with it, not even a single matter. Please don’t misunderstand.” (Sirius)

“Are you saying that you are competent? Whatever it is, I will ask for compensation. Even if you are already disowned, you are still bound by your father’s order with your blood, so pay immediately.” (Bardomyl)

“It’s not necessary to think hard, my younger half-brother. Regardless of truth or false, it’s a matter of filial piety to father.” (Karios)

Regrettably, I felt chilled because they acted similar, like a father and his son. I’m not sure how far he wants to go but why would he became so full with confidence? Aah, it was said earlier that he created new technology and sold it. In short, they are all alike.

Although we are parent and child by blood, I’m not going to pay even a single stone coin.

“I don’t have money. I almost run out of money because of that carriage.”

(Sirius)

“If that’s the case, am I going to receive the carriage outside? It is a common carriage but I can make some money if I sell it.” (Bardomyl)

“Father, I think it’s better for you to get the girl and the demi humans outside.” (Karios)

I wonder if it’s time to rage soon… and when I was thinking about that, I heard words that I couldn’t miss out in my ear.

“Karios, do you like woman even if she is a demi human?” (Bardomyl)

“Yes, Father. It’s true she is a demi human but it will become a status just by walking around and accompanied by that figure, and if I present her to the noble who likes demi human, she can become a good negotiation material. And then, let the man serve as an escort.” (Karios)

What on earth is this fellow saying?

“Hoho, to use a demi human well… As I expected of you, Karios.” (Bardomyl)

“That blue hair girl is still childish, but her face is not too bad, so I think I will train her to my liking.” (Karios)

“You guys… do you understand what you are saying?” (Sirius)

Those words just now were the last reminder.

Besides, those two didn’t realized this…these lowlifes, who got irritated because of the words that I said, hit their fist on the table to show their anger.

“Even if she is a child, what do you think you’re saying about us, a noble!” (Bardomyl)

“That’s what happens when you are not paying the money. By the way, he brought an unusual splendid monster, Father. That seems to sell at a good price.” (Karios)

“…” (Sirius)

…It’s not worth considering.

I didn’t think that it would be a proper discussion from the beginning, but it’s a waste to be patient.

It will be fine if it’s just me, but to say that they put their hands on my disciples… I will make you regret.

As I stopped leaning against the sofa, I crossed my legs proudly and pronounced with a smile on the whole face.

“Shut your mouth, your lowlives.” (Sirius)

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“I’ll come… again.” (Sirius)

[Yes, please take care.] (Erina)

Chapter 5: Family

“Shut your mouth, your lowlives.” (Sirius)

When I suddenly took an insolence attitude while saying that, Bardomyl and my half-blood older brother, Karios, were stunned, but immediately started to get angry with reddened faces.

“Y-you bastard! What kind of attitude is that towards your father!?” (Bardomyl)

“Do not mess around just because you are my younger half-brother. Take those feet off of there right now! That’s a special order that I bought, using the money I earned for the first time!” (Karios)

It seems like they are going to spit at any time, but I have no plan to stop being insolent. If I had a cigarette, it’d definitely be a scene of provoking, while smoking.

“You are the ones who are messing around. Leaving that aside, until when have you acted like a family to me? I should’ve said it five years ago. I have severed any relationship I had with you fools.” (Sirius)

“You are noisy! Even so, that is not the attitude a commoner should have towards nobility!” (Bardomyl)

“A noble? Where is this noble? I can’t see anything, but stupid lowlives in front of me, you know?” (Sirius)

“Father, I can’t forgive his attitude. Should we make him regret it?” (Karios)

“That’s right. Oi, Valio. Instruct the escorts outside to capture that woman and the demi-humans!” (Bardomyl)

“…Certainly.” (Valio)

Valio went out of the room with courtesy, but the disciples would have no problem with the escorts, judging from their abilities.

This father-and-son duo, who didn’t realize my calm attitude, were smiling

while pointing at me without knowing anything.

“Hahaha, you should watch the guys outside getting captured with fingers in your mouth.” (Karios)

“This is only happening because you don’t understand your place of being a commoner.” (Bardomyl)

“My place…right?” (Sirius)

“”!?”” (Bardomyl/Karios)

After I tested them by releasing some of my bloodlust, the two, who were laughing before, suddenly became silent and started trembling. I am surprised by their weak guts with this degree of bloodlust.

They became irritated with me, who was laughing at their weak guts, as they glared at me, while shrugging off their fears.

“W-what did you do!? Stop laughing and answer me!” (Bardomyl)

“I couldn’t help laughing. I am curious how the two of you, who are so afraid of a child’s stare, will make me know my place.” (Sirius)

“Kuhh… that was just a trick! Since you don’t understand what was said, I’ll make you understand with force!” (Karios)

Karios, who restrained his fear, stood up and removed the sword that was hanging on the wall. Then, he swung it a couple of times, before he started laughing, full of confidence, while pointing the tip towards me.

“Well, let me educated my half-brother. What, you don’t need to worry, since I won’t kill you.” (Karios)

“Do it, Karios! Show your sword-style to this foolish commoner!” (Bardomyl)

The sword-style that he showed was a beautiful sword dance, which can be considered as a sample.

I thought he couldn’t fight because he was a son of such a father, but it would seem that he had some skill. I was honestly impressed and made a light applause.

“What is it? Even if you start clapping now, I’m not going to forgive you. Now,

stand up since I am going to punish you.” (Karios)

“It is troublesome to stand. It’s fine if you want to complain, but just come.” (Sirius)

“Even if you are my younger half-brother, I am not going to forgive you!” (Karios)

Karios mercilessly swung his sword at me, who was sitting on the sofa. In spite of calling it a punishment, he aimed a sharp blow that was definitely meant to take my life; even so, I was still sitting on the sofa, without moving.

Or, perhaps I should say, it’s not necessary to move.

“A sword that pursues beauty will not help in a battle.” (Sirius)

What are you using is a sword dance that is used in rituals. It is not something that you use in a battle. I didn’t have to feint and, since I grasped the trajectory of the swing, I repelled it by hitting the body of the sword. The repelled sword sliced the sofa and the blade stopped after it was halfway in.

The sofa that he bought with his income was tragically ruined, and Karios, unexpectedly, cried out.

“Wha-!? My sofa!” (Karios)

“Should you be worried about the sofa?” (Sirius)

Since he was shocked, and full of openings, I extended my hand and grabbed Karios’ head. Because of that, he regained his composure and tried to remove my hand, but he became timid when I gripped it a bit.

“Aah, guh! For a commoner to do such a thing…” (Karios)

“Weren’t you the one who struck first? Do you think that I won’t retaliate just because you are a noble?” (Sirius)

“S-stop it you, bastard! You took Karios’ joke too seriously!” (Bardomyl)

“I think he was being serious. Why don’t I ask the person himself?” (Sirius)

After I poured some mana into the other party from where I was grasping him, Karios’ body started to tremble,as if he was convulsing, and finally…

“Ga…AAAARRGHHH!?” (Karios)

“Ka-Karios!? What’s the matter!?” (Bardomyl)

He started to scream so loudly that it resounded throughout the whole mansion. It’s as though he was in pain from being electrocuted. He fell down, without being able to support his body, when I released my hand.

All I did was merely pour mana into his body. Actually, I’d understood that there are various effects on the opponent’s body by adjusting the mana output. By adjusting the mana, the target’s self-regeneration can be activated and can be hastened, and it can also paralyze one’s senses similar to the effects of anesthesia.

That is, so long as the target naturally absorbs and adapts to the mana. However, if I pour a large amount of mana at one time, the body will reject it, since the mana will not be suitable for them. As it runs throughout the body, it makes you feel a sharp pain, like being electrocuted. Karios, who fell down before us, was the result that represented such a condition.

I stood up while looking down at Karios, and then captured Baldomyl, who was trying to escape, with [String]. I lifted up the fallen Karios’ head one more time.

“That was a trial run, just now. Well, I have a question… did you really mean what you said earlier?” (Sirius)

“I… I was joking-… GUAHHH!?” (Karios)

Since I knew it was a lie, I poured even more mana into him and made him feel severe pain. I treat greedy people harshly, even in the previous life. I can see whenever the other person is telling the truth, or lying.

Especially these guy, who were too easy to read, and I was, conversely, impressed. Although he said they were joking, they were obviously full of ill intent when looking at Reese, and they were looking at Emilia and Reus like a livestock.

“Stop the obvious lie. Should I repeat this until you tell me your real intention?” (Sirius)

“I-it’s true! Putting my hands on those children is… GUHAAAAA!?” (Karios?)

Since he still didn’t admit it, I poured even stronger mana into him. Rather

than magic, this is a technique that can't be used unless I touch the opponent and they can't defend against it, since it will attack them from the inside. The suitable name for it is [Stun Zero].

If I overdo it, it will become like what happened to the murders that I fought in the school's labyrinth, but since I made various improvements from that occasion, they won't die, unless I want them to.

Even if they wanted to faint, their consciousness was maintained, since the body was stimulated at the same time as I pour the mana in. It is a terrifying magic that continues to give pain, until I get bored. It's not even weird to call it a magic for torturing.

"That's why I told you to stop lying. Should I make it even stronger?" (Sirius)

"Hiii!? T-that's right. I was thinking that!" (Karios?)

If I threaten him with only this much, he will be forced to say the truth, but I don't mind because there is absolutely no need to hold back on this one. However, it's not good to just admit it.

"What did you think? Can you explain it to me, in detail, again?" (Sirius)

"Haa!? I explained it to you earlier!" (Karios)

"Would you like to have another go?" (Sirius)

"!? I-I was going to train that blue-haired woman to fit my desires! And I wanted to steal the demi-humans and sell them to some nobles… GAAHHHH!?" (Karios)

I invoked [Stun Zero] after letting the other party say it intentionally. Though he said the truth, Karios glared at me as if to ask why I still did it. I am not even affected by the glare that Karios made with his face that was filled with tears and a running nose.

"Why…?Even though I told you the truth…" (Karios)

"Did you really think I would forgive a lowlife, when he said that he wanted to sell and train my disciples?" (Sirius)

"But, you bastard, you told me to say it!" (Karios)

“I told you not to tell a lie. It is a reasonable treatment for a fool who makes such an obvious lie.” (Sirius)

“Do not mess around! With that logic, no matter what I choose, the result is still the same!” (Karios)

“Yeah, the result is still the same. You’ll be in pain if you lie, and you were finished when you thought of such a stupid thing.” (Sirius)

“Ah…Aah, that… can’t be.” (Karios)

There is no way for you to avoid this torture. Karios, who understood that he would suffer no matter what he chose, made a desperate look.

“Well then, shall we move on to the next question? What were you planning to do with the white wolf that you saw outside?” (Sirius)

“Since it has good looks, I wanted to make it my own… GUHAAA!” (Karios)

“That’s different from what you said earlier. Did you really think I would be deceived by flattery?” (Sirius)

“Ah…I-I was going to sell it! I thought it would be sold for a high price since it is such a rare monster… AAARRGHHH!” (Karios)

“Far from snatching someone’s partner, you even thought about selling it as you please. I will give you some punishment.” (Sirius)

“St-stop it, please! I-I was the bad one… HIIIARRGHHH!” (Karios)

This was unreasonable punishment, but this was how I trained an animal.

If you say something stupid next time, or try to get involved with us while having ill intentions, I will carve a mental trauma in you so deep, you’ll always remember this pain.

The torture continued for several tens of minutes after that. I invoked [Stun Zero] every time he looked down on people and demi-humans, and tried to maintain his worthless pride.

Since various fluids were coming out of Karios’ body, I should end this soon.

“This is the end. From now on, do you swear not to involve us with your stupid motives?” (Sirius)

“I… swear…” (Karios)

“Repeat it!” (Sirius)

“From now on, I will never get involved with you again, and I will not look down on beast-kins! So, please, forgive me already!” (Karios)

“That’s fine. I’ll make you faint as a reward.” (Sirius)

“Gaahh!? Aa…aaaa-…” (Karios)

The last [Stun Zero] used didn’t inflict pain, it was to make Karios faint by pouring mana to deprive him of his consciousness.

Although he already had white eyes and a loosened mouth, did he feel somewhat glad for finally being liberated? It’s a pity that I threw him on the sofa that he bought, instead of on the floor.

“Well then… next is your turn.”

“Hiiiii–!?” (Bardomyl))

As Bardomyl was restricted by [String], I met his eyes after he unsightly rolled on the floor. Because Bardomyl was terrified of the torture display that was used on Karios, I was glad to see that he wet himself.

“It seems that my mothers were taken care of, by you, in various ways; so, shall I slowly ask you about that?” (Sirius)

“W-wait! I am your father! Without me, you wouldn’t have been born!” (Bardomyl)

“So?” (Sirius)

“Wha-? I-I mean, you wouldn’t be here without me. Shouldn’t you respect me more?” (Bardomyl)

“How can I respect someone who disrespects my precious mothers and never showed his face after I was born?” (Sirius)

It was Aria-Kaasan who gave birth to me, and Erina-Kaasan who raised me. This fellow never did the slightest thing as a father.

I placed my hands on the belly of Baldomyl, who was tied and couldn’t move, and said, with a smile.

“Besides, you destroyed Kaa-san’s household, the Eldorands, and you didn’t care when Aria-Kaasan and Erina-Kaasan died. From my point of view, rather than respect, you ought to be a detestable subject.” (Sirius)

“T-that is a common course of action by nobles…GYAAAHHH!?” (Bardomyl)

“Do you mean it’s natural for nobles to destroy a household, just to get a woman that he desires? Moreover, I already paid the money to severe our relationship; so, what kind of foolish parent would try to extort money just because of a useless reason?” (Sirius)

“Aah…GUUHHH… What happened to Valio and the escorts!? What are they doing, when their master is being attacked!?” (Bardomyl)

“Shouldn’t you listen to our discussion?” (Sirius)

“Hiii!? I-I will listen! Please, stop this already, because I will listen to you…. ARRGHHHH!” (Bardomyl)

Let’s carve the mental trauma properly into this fellow, just like with Karios.

By the way, according to the [Search]’s response, Emilia and the rest were alright, while the escorts were bundled and hadn’t moved an inch. It seems that they succeeded in neutralizing them, so I don’t have to worry about them.

I was curious about Valio, because he hasn’t moved from the front entrance. It appears as if he was simply observing the situation, but there is no problem, since the disciples were fine.

“Oh… that’s right. Your situation is different compared to Karios’. Since you are the enemy of Kaa-san, there is a possibility of you dying, if I adjust my power incorrectly.” (Sirius)

“S-stop it. Stop it, pleasee…” (Bardomyl)

That was a lie to instigate fear, but it’s perfect in this situation.

Well then, I’ll make you taste hell for harassing Aria-Kaasan and Erina-Kaasan, and for making my attendants and Reese uncomfortable.

“First, would you tell me the reason why you destroyed Aria-Kaasan’s household? Oh yeah, I have plenty of mana left; so, please, rest assured.” (Sirius)

“Y-you bastard, why are you doing this!? There’s no point in bringing up the past!” (Bardomyl)

“I think that it will make me feel a little bit better.” (Sirius)

“Uhh!? T-the reason was… that?” (Bardomyl)

“Do you want to say I’m being unreasonable? Didn’t you say that you made Kaa-san’s life worse? Besides, whatever happens from now on is not about settling the past, or getting my revenge, and this discussion is not about that, just so you know.” (Sirius)

“Then, why?” (Bardomyl)

“This is meant to be torture for you. It is to make you remember today’s situation, not just our appearance, but also if you ever hear our names again.” (Sirius)

In the first place, this wouldn’t have happened if they didn’t stop us and left us alone. I despise him, who was blinded by money and tried to take it forcibly.

Let’s thoroughly engrave this fear so that he won’t get involved with us ever again.

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“Good work.” (Valio)

“…Aah.” (Sirius)

Even though there were no external wounds, Valio, who was on standby in front of the entrance, lowered his head at the sight of the father and son, who had fainted with sloppy faces, as I dragged them to the front door.

Although his master was somewhat dealt with, he just laughed quietly while looking away for a moment.

“Although your master has become like this, you’re not going to say anything?” (Sirius)

“I know that I can’t go against you. Besides, it will be good ‘medicine’ for these two.” (Valio)

“…Have you given up?” (Sirius)

“Yes. But, there is only one correction. My master is not Bardomyl-sama, but his father.” (Valio)

After that, I listened to his story awhile. It seems Valio was an attendant of my grandfather. He had passed away already, but he seemed to be a capable man, and Valio trusted him deeply.

However, after his master died, the child of his master, Bardomyl, succeeded the Dorianus household and the dignity of the noblehouse plummeted. If he looked at women that he liked, he would get them indiscriminately. It looks like it wasn’t just one or two households that was ruined like the Eldorand household.

Valio desperately tried to support the Dorianus household because of his loyalty towards his master, but Bardomyl didn’t listen, even when he advised him. And then, Valio gave up on him when he abandoned his child, even if it was an illegitimate child. I think that child was probably me.

After that, he said that he distanced himself from Bardomyl and was spending the rest of his life managing this mansion. Once in a while, Bardomyl came to the mansion for holiday.

“I am the Property Manager of the Dorianus household. And, for that reason, I thought this mansion would collapse if I didn’t manage it.” (Valio)

He maintained these lowlives house from collapsing until now. Valio, who continued to maintain this mansion, is truly an exception. There was also a story in the past where Valio thought that the Dorianus household would disappear, since it continued declining, but…

“However, whether it was fortunate or not, Karios invented a tool and rebuilt the household a bit. Even though it is only temporary, this is the result. Good grief, I wonder how much master will mourn if he were to know about this?” (Valio)

Valio looked down at Bardomyl and Karios, who had become tattered, with cold eyes, but then had a gentle smile when he raised his face.

“Nevertheless, you are kind. I thought they would have lost their lives, but they are merely stunned with no disabilities.” (Valio)

“No, in fact it is not over yet. As for the finishing touches, I have to go outside, since I need to get something from the carriage.” (Sirius)

“I see. If you don’t mind, can I see it?” (Valio)

“Feel free to do so.” (Sirius)

After Valio bowed, he opened the front door.

When I got out with Valio and them, my disciples immediately noticed me and rushed towards me.

“Aniki-!” (Reus)

“Sirius-sama! Are you alright?” (Emilia)

“Aah, there is no problem. Anyway, how are you guys?” (Sirius)

“Yes, we have been waiting awhile, since Sirius-sama wasn’t here, but those adventurers suddenly attacked us.” (Emilia)

“Yeah, Aniki. Why did they suddenly attack Nee-chan, Hokuto and me?” (Reus)

When I turned my eyes to the side, the adventurers were lying on the ground and were tied up with a rope. The man who sat on the coachman’s seat seemed to be their friend, and all three of them had fainted.

A decent adventurer wouldn’t want to be hired by those lowlives; so, naturally, they attracted adventurers with bad characters.

In the vicinity of the carriage, Reese was combing Hokuto’s hair, and it was rare to see her so angry with puffed up cheeks.

“They suddenly said that they wanted to tie Hokuto up and sell Emilia and Reese at a high price. No matter how I look at it, I can’t forgive them.” (Reus)

“They probably looked down on us, since we are young. Hokuto-san and Reus cleared them up in an instant, so we have no injuries. Leaving that aside, how about Sirius-sama?” (Emilia)

“We heard some screams echoing from within, could it be from the ones that Aniki is holding?” (Reus)

“Aah, to tell you the truth…” (Sirius)

I told the disciples what happened inside the mansion.

At first, I pitied the father-and-son duo, who were in a condition to not be seen, but when I heard that they were going to train Reese to their liking, or how they wanted to deal with Emilia and Reus, and sell Hokuto, it made me see them as nothing more than bugs.

“Although Reese and I are ‘owned’ by Sirius-sama, to say such a thing like snatching us away… What happened to them was, of course, the most natural outcome.” (Emilia)

“I-I am Sirius-san’s? M-maybe… Besides, they were really bad people, since they ignored other people feels and would say such things.” (Reese)

“What are you going to do with them, Aniki? Bury them alive?” (Reus)

“For now, I think I will teach them to realize the cold-hard facts, rather than bury them alive.” (Sirius)

After I released my hold on the father-and-son duo, and asked Reese to use some water magic on them, they opened their eyes while groaning.

And, when they saw me…

“Hii…hyaaarghhh!” (Bardomyl?)

“Hahiii!? Hi-hiiii!?” (Karios?)

They tried to stand up, but, since they couldn’t, they tried to escape while crawling on their hands and knees. Hmmm, if I say do so myself, that is a splendid outcome after training them.

“…Sirius-san, what on earth happened to those guys?” (Reese)

“I taught them a small lesson. It’s only natural, since they were aiming for you guys.” (Sirius)

“As expected of Sirius-sama. What a splendid skill.” (Emilia)

“If Aniki deals with it, anyone will become obedient.” (Reus)

Reese was puzzled by the sudden change of the father-and-son duo, but the siblings proudly nodded. As usual, these siblings never flinched.

While showing a bitter smile to the disciples, the father-and-son duo shouted

at me, while looking at me, as if trying to overcome their fears.

“Th-th-this… monster! You bastard, after treating your real parent this badly, you’re no longer my child!” (Bardomyl)

“Don’t come any closer, you monster! You are a demon in human skin!” (Karios)

“…Reus. Do you know what to do with these people?” (Emilia)

“Of course, Nee-chan. These guys are talking bad about Aniki, so we…” (Reus)

“Yeah, yeah, calm down.” (Sirius)

The siblings were starting to release their bloodlust because of the verbal abuse, but I stroked their heads to calm them down.

But this time, it will be different. In order to teach this lowlife who calls himself a parent properly, I brought the siblings closer and said.

“Even if we are related by blood, you guys don’t deserve to be called my parent and brother. My family is not you guys, but the ones who are beside me.” (Sirius)

“Sirius-sama…” (Emilia)

“Aniki…” (Rues)

“Of course, that goes for Reese and Hokuto, too. All of my precious disciples are my friends and my family. Even if I am called a monster by you, who has no relationship with me, it doesn’t bother me at all.” (Sirius)

“Sirius-san…” (Reese)

“Woof…!” (Hokuto)

When I smiled at Reese and Hokuto, who were standing behind me, Reese also made a smile and stood next to me, while Hokuto rubbed his face on my back.

The father-and-son duo were overwhelmed when I said that without any hesitation, before they noticed the presence of Valio, who was standing nearby with a smile.

“Va-Valio! What are you doing there?! Hurry up… quickly, do something about him!” (Bardomyl)

“Somehow, try to get rid of this guy! If you do that, later…” (Karios)

“Please, calm down, Bardomyl-sama. And, young master, please understand the difference in power between me and Sirius-sama.” (Valio)

“F-for that commoner, I will allow you to use my household’s power!” (Bardomyl)

“Make up your mind! If not, we really will be killed this time. Besides, he doesn’t seem to be done talking yet. If you don’t listen to him properly, he’ll become even more terrible.” (Karios)

Bardomyl nodded obediently when he heard that and looked at his son’s determined eyes, before Karios turned away while grinding his teeth.

Apparently, Valio seemed to be the last hope for this father-and-son duo. Whether or not he thought that there was truth in what Karios said, he obediently listened to them and followed his orders. Since I was guided here properly, I’m going to put on the finishing touches, as thanks to Valio.

“Emilia.” (Sirius)

“Yes!” (Emilia)

After I called out to Emilia, she went to the carriage, brought the mantle that I got from Princess Lifell and put it on my back. When I displayed the Elysion national emblem on my back, Valio and Karios had widened their mouths, but Bardomyl was confused and tilted his head.

“Ah, that is…!? No way, why does a commoner like you have… that?” (Karios)

“What, it’s just the national emblem of Elysion! Something like that, if I go to Elysion, I can get as many as I like…” (Bardomyl)

“That’s not it, Bardomyl-sama! In Elysion, no one can sew the national emblem on anything, without permission. In other words, that was given to him directly by the country.” (Valio)

“Wha!? Th-that’s a lie! He is not a noble! I see now, he used my name to arbitrarily…” (Bardomyl)

“Regrettably, Elysion does not move because of the Dorianus household’s name, which is only a rural nobility. In short, he got it because of his ability. Since

it cannot be given by one of the castle's soldiers, it was probably given by someone who has a considerable position." (Valio)

"Fa-father. I heard something from some merchants who peddled in Elysion before. A certain commoner was recruited by the royal family and was given the mantle of the Imperial Guard. In other words, he is…" (Karios)

That saved me the time and effort to explain. Nevertheless, it seems that the story that I was recruited has spread even to the rural area.

The discussion was quick, if they understood anything. It was no longer possible for a rural noble to make a fool of a commoner who is (going to be a part of) the Imperial Guard for the royal family.

Bardomyl was laughing weakly because of the fact that the child that he expelled has become even better than himself.

"Hu, huhaha… this is… a dream. There's no way that such a child is better than me." (Bardomyl)

"No, this is reality. If you say that you cannot believe it, then let me show you the power that has been recognized by the royal family before your very eyes." (Sirius)

I flipped my mantle and extended my hand towards the town of Almest. A long time ago, it seemed that they tried to make a road straight to the town from here, but abandoned the project because of how thick the forest was spreading. I heard from Kaa-san that the current road was possible because it was a detour.

"You complained that the road was narrow, didn't you? If so… I'll make a new road." (Sirius)

The spell that I am about to fire is the [Anti-Materiel] that I used against Rodwell's [Mountain Pressure].

As a result of practicing by improvising the Image, I fired off a magic bullet that had more power with better accuracy from my hand, creating a thunderous roar as it mowed the forest down.

The outcome was… a road that connects the mansion to the town in a straight line. It's difficult for one's feet, but there is enough space even for bigger

carriages.

By the way, I have confirmed through [Search] beforehand that there was no one standing in the way and the range of [Anti-Materiel] was limited to the border of the forest.

Bardomyl and Karios were stunned when they saw the destruction before their eyes; and, when they looked at me, they started to tremble again as they clung to Valio.

“Help us! Please, help us, Valio! What are you going to say to that monster!?” (Karios)

“Nooo! I will be killed! Why… why was a child like that born from that girl?!” (Bardomyl)

“…Understood. Let me negotiate with him. Since it is dangerous, please let me go, both of you.” (Valio)

They nodded many times when Valio said that, and then, they obediently separated from him and hid themselves at the nearby tree. Valio walked here with a bitter smile. He stood in front of me and lowered his head as he said in a loud voice.

“Somehow, please forgive their impoliteness, Sirius-sama! If you say that you still angry, I will give you my life, instead.” (Valio)

Although he said he would give up his life, I wondered why he was protecting them; but, as I understood his intention, I spoke with a voice that can be heard by them. Let’s go along with his farce.

I instructed the disciples to stand by and pointed my hand at Valio, while sticking my chest out proudly.

“Hou, you don’t mind dying for them?” (Sirius)

“I don’t have much time left, but it is my desire, if it is helpful for the future of Dorianus household. Therefore, please have compassion and forgive them.” (Valio)

“…That’s fine. I will forgive them because of your loyalty.” (Sirius)

“I will appreciate your kindness.” (Valio)

This person is considerably sly. From the father and son's point of view, they would think that Valio is a loyal subject who offered his life to become their shield. Far from just earning a huge amount of trust from them, he gave them a huge 'loan'. He murmured something about getting ownership of this mansion, after this racket got settled.

When Valio saw the scene where the father-and-son duo were gladly hugging each other, knowing that they were forgiven, he bowed again and thanked me.

"Thank you very much for going along with my farce." (Valio)

"It seems things will settle down, now." (Sirius)

"Yes, I think they understand it well enough, but I will warn them if they don't let this go. Well, it is impossible for them to do anything because they have no authority, money or strength that can hurt you." (Valio)

"Haha, that's for certain." (Sirius)

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I heard this story later, but it seems that Valio knew Erina-Kaasan when my mothers were in Bardomyl's main residence.

However, Valio couldn't stop working against the Eldorand household, and Erina-Kaasan hated the Dorianus household; so, those two didn't get along with each other, but they developed mysterious bond, after recognizing each other's abilities as attendants.

And the reason he chose to spend the rest of his life in this mansion was also because that place was the place where Erina-Kaasan's gone through so much hardship and it seems that he thought of maintaining it as long as his life continues.

He talked so seriously, so I told him about Erina-Kaasan's grave in the mountain, and he promised to go there regularly and clean the place up. I'm totally saved with this, but I properly told him that it's unreasonable for me to force him to do it.

Although it was trivial garbage cleaning, the family trouble ended with this.

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We departed from Valio and arrived at Almest, before heading to the Galgan Company and meeting Gadd again. However, since there were a lot of things going on today, and it had become so late, we would explain the details tomorrow and headed towards the referred inn.

And the referred inn was said to compete for number one or two best lodgings in Almest. Furthermore, Hokuto was allowed to enter the inn because of Gadd's reference. By the way, Gadd was surprised when he saw Hokuto for the first time, but he laughed it out because he thought that Hokuto is a suitable Beast Companion for me. As a former adventurer who lives in the world of business, I think he is a strong man who has considerable courage.

"You are valued customers of the Galgan Company; so, we will prepare the best room for you. There are private rooms and a big room where everyone can enter; so, which one do you prefer?" (Gadd)

"The private room…" (Sirius)

""""The big room!""""" (Emilia/Reus/Reese)

…Due to the majority's vote, everyone will stay in the big room.

The chosen room was a splendidly large room with an exclusive carpet spread all over the floor and came fully equipped with a bathroom. There are four large beds, too; so, it appears that we can relax in this room.

As I relaxed while lying on the bed, I remembered something when I looked at Hokuto, who was sleeping on the carpet. Which reminds me, I bought a brush for Hokuto in the town earlier.

Because of that, I immediately took out the brush to brush Hokuto, but the siblings reacted earlier. …When I started brushing Hokuto, the siblings were depressed, since their tails and ears drooped down. Since they immediately regain themselves when I said that I would brush them next, I kept on brushing Hokuto without worry.

When I called out Hokuto, he approached while wagging his tail. I laid him on

the carpet and started brushing him.

“Woof…” (Hokuto)

“Do you feel good? After all, this is meant to make you relax.” (Sirius)

It’s hard to brush Hokuto because of his huge body, but when I think that I can thoroughly enjoy his pleasant hair, I don’t mind it. Or perhaps I should say, since my mind is a bit bothered because of those lowlives from earlier today, it seems I can calm down by doing this. Animal therapy is exceptionally effective, after all.

Besides, this hair is truly a wonder. The brush doesn’t catch at all and there is almost no hair loss. The hair maintains the glittering white shine, since the hair is completely free from not only water or dirt, but also blood. It might be good to accumulate the hair loss and make a pillow or cushion out of it.

As I continued brushing, I remembered what I said to Gadd.

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As soon as I arrived at the Galgan Company, I asked for an inn and talked to Gadd about two things.

First, I asked about the existence of the tools that Karios sells.

When I asked for the details, he said that it was a magic tools that produces cold wind… in other words, it is like an electric fan. It is a magic tool that moves because of magic formations, so it is probably strange to compare it to an electric fan, since it doesn’t have any wings.

Anyhow, it is a large box magic tool that contains water and wind magic formations. The mechanism creates a wind that contains moisture when the tool is filled with mana. Karios sold it to a company that was different from the Galgan Company, and it sold well, since it was put on the market during the hot season.

There are some weaknesses of the tool, such as being inconvenient to carry, and the large mana consumption for using two magic formations at the same time, but Gadd estimated that it will sell like hot cakes in the next hot season.

So, I suggested a real fan from the knowledge of the previous life.

There is no motor to turn the propeller, but you can use magic formation to do that instead. When I gave a blueprint of the fan, the most difficult part was to explain, in detail, the propeller mechanism, and I also taught him how to draw a magic formation that has small mana consumption.

When I handed it over to Gadd, his eyes were glittering and he happily grasped my hand.

“What an amazing invention, Danna! It is more compact than that other magic tool, it consumes less mana and the cost is also cheap. This is definitely going to be popular!” (Gadd)

“Sell this and Karios’ magic tool will be outdated. You must retaliate indirectly.” (Sirius)

“Leave it to me!” (Gadd)

The Galgan Company also doesn’t like the Dorianus household, and that’s why he was so excited with my suggestion. If this sells and Karios’ tool doesn’t, the income of the Dorianus family will also decrease. Since I’m going to do this, I will do it thoroughly.

The other thing that I requested from him was to send a letter to Elysion.

The contents were, of course, about today’s matters. It talked about high-handed nobles who abuses their authority and crushes rival households whenever they find a woman that they like. It is a bit similar to a report.

And, I didn’t forget to write that the eldest son of the noble household declared that he wanted to train Reese…

I’m not sure whether the authority of Elysion reaches this far, but there is a king and a princess who dots over Reese. I decided to give them some punishment in secret. It will probably be alright with just removing their court rank for a proper reason, but if this is handled poorly, I have a feeling that they will send over an assassin.

In addition to the economic blow, the Dorianus family will be punished, somehow, by the royal family. I cannot imagine what that household will be like

after the next few months.

Well, I guess they didn't realize what they had done. I already feel good and it was best to forget about them, since they won't have any extra room to get involved with us anymore.

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And so, I continued brushing Hokuto, who appears to be feeling comfortable with his eyes closed, but my hand stopped when I was about 80% finished.

Hokuto turned to me because my hand suddenly stopped, but he consented after looking at the people next to me.

"…Uhmm, what are you guys doing?" (Sirius)

"We are waiting for our turn."(Emilia)

While holding her personal brush, Emilia immediately sat next to me with a smile on her face. Reus and Reese also formed a line next to her, and, somehow, they had their own combs.

"Sirius-sama's brushing is the best. Is this what you call 'perfect happiness that reaches the heavens'… Anyhow, it makes me happy!" (Emilia)

"Although I lose to Hokuto-san, my tail won't lose, Aniki!" (Reus)

"Umm… I somehow feel that I have to join in. As a family… that much is good, right?" (Reese)

Hokuto looked at the disciples, who were waiting to enjoy themselves, before he made a small bark that meant that he understood, and walked away from me. Although you are a wolf, you are the most adult among them.

Emilia immediately sat right in front of me and handed me her brush to use on her, while wagging her tail.

"Here you go, Sirius-sama! Please thoroughly enjoy my tail!" (Emilia)

"I got it, so please stop wagging your tail." (Sirius)

While calming the excited Emilia, I started brushing my disciples. By the way, Reese is a human, and she doesn't have a tail; so, is it alright to comb her hair?

“Aah… I am happy…” (Emilia)

“Ooo… that’s it! Aniki’s brushing is the best, after all!” (Reus)

“Ehehe… It is my first time having someone other than Ane-sama and Senia comb my hair, but it feels good.” (Reese)

By looking at their glossy hair, it seems that there is no abnormality with the disciples’ health.

Emilia’s tail was fluffy as ever and it felt really good. As for Reus, he has a habit of making his tail jump, but the feeling of it is not bad at all.

Reese’s hair is slightly curled on the tips, but it doesn’t got caught on the comb and it is very smooth. It seems to have a different feeling compared to Hokuto’s.

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After I finished brushing the disciples, I sat on the sofa in the room and drank some tea.

This tea was not prepared in the room nor from room service. Emilia, herself, borrowed a kitchen in the hotel and prepared it.

She was a woman who immersed herself with the lingering sound of the brush next to me. Reus fell asleep from the brushing and was now lying, spread-eagled, on the bed. By the way, Reese continued brushing Hokuto.

“Haa.. I am satisfied. I feel comfortable sleeping today.” (Emilia)

“Anyukii…” (Reus)

“I am not as good as Sirius-san, but does it feel comfortable, Hokuto?” (Reese)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

Bardomyl and I are indeed connected by blood, but for me, who doesn’t have parents, I think the real family for me are those around me, even if they are not related by blood.

Although we are not blood-related, we are a master and a disciple, or a master and his attendants.

But for me, these guys have become indispensable existences. Let’s protect them as long as my life goes on.

I can spend the rest of my time taking care of my disciples as I please… no, not disciples, but my family.

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Extra/Bonus 1

“Even if we are related by blood, you guys don’t deserve to be called my parent and brother. Besides, my family is not you guys, but the ones who are beside me.” (Sirius)

“Sirius-sama…” (Emilia)

The degree of favorable impression from Emilia went up.

Emilia’s favorable impression value reached its limit.

And it continues to break until the 10th limit.

Emilia had a ‘class up’ to become an [Attendant of Absolute Love].

Extra/Bonus 2

Several days after Sirius was reaquainted with Bardomyl.

In the Elysion castle, in the private room of Princess Lifell.

“Lifell-sama, what are you reading with such a serious face?” (Senia)

“Read this as well, Senia. You also have the right to know.” (Lifell)

“…”(Senia)

“Please, excuse me. …Lifell-sama, I’m sorry, but I would like to take a few days off…” (Senia)

“You can’t.” (Lifell)

“Is…that so? But, this is…” (Senia)

“We will send an investigation party, and we will go together with them. Although it is a bit irresponsible, if a large amount of strong men disappear, it will probably be… bad, so we’ll lead the party.” (Lifell)

“Please, leave it to me.” (Senia)

“And, don’t tell Otou-san. I think he will be angry and definitely sneak out of the castle.” (Lifell)

“Understood. Let’s keep the letter inside of a safe.” (Senia)

Later on in that side of the story, Cardeas found out about it, somehow, and it seemed that he tried to get into the investigation party, but Princess Lifell managed to stop him with a paralysis poison.

A few days later, the Dorianus household was…

Chapter 6: The Shocking Reunion

The next day after tearing up Baldomyl and Karios.

We haven't left Almest yet.

Besides supplying food and tools, I stayed here to make the prototype of the electrical fan. It was difficult to adjust the angle of the propeller, which would generate the wind most efficiently, and I wanted to make sure the proper thing was completed, since I was the one who suggested it.

Since the rotation mechanism was done by a magic formation, there was an accident where the main part of the fan was crushed by the wind pressure; but, at last, a fan that was similar to the one in my previous life was completed.

"Wow… This is a terrific magic tool. Compared to what that noble sold, this uses less than half of the mana consumption. It will definitely sell well." (Gadd)

"Although the cooling is possible by using water magic formation, it is important to let the heat escape with the wind. This can be done by eliminating the waste, reducing the cost and emphasizing the practicality." (Sirius)

"Indeed, as expected of Master, to think of such technology. So, the reward for offering this is…" (Gadd)

"Actually, there are couple of suggestions for the reward. Rather than money, there is something else that I want." (Sirius)

Since we will be leaving soon, we won't know the market value of this magic tool, so it is impossible to get a reward based on the yield in Elysion. Because of that, I wanted something else, and not money.

Instead of money, I asked for the house where I was born.

I think that the financial situation of the Dorianus household will collapse in the future, so they might try to raise money. We held the discussion in the Galgan Company, and I wanted them to buy that mansion.

It depends on Gadd's negotiation as to how much the price can be lowered

down to, but considering the locations conditions and the inconvenience of traffic, the price won't be too high.

Taking this opportunity, I also discussed about the matter of Valio. I said that I wanted to meet him once more and discuss it with him. If it's him, he will manage the house with almost no charge, and this will lessen the burden for Gadd.

Gadd, who heard the content of my reward, poked his chest out and nodded.

"Leave it to me. I will absolutely obtain the house that holds Master's memories. So, will it be alright to entrust it to that old man, Valio, to manage the mansion?" (Gadd)

"Aah, that's right. Because he is at a fairly old age, I'd like to ask you to visit him once in a while, as well." (Sirius)

"Understood. Frankly speaking, if I consider the sales, I think the reward for Master is too little. Do you want anything else?" (Gadd)

"Also, please provide me with seasonings and tools for travelling. Other than that, well… I will tell you when the time comes." (Sirius)

"As usual, you have no real desire." (Gadd)

Gadd immediately prepared the tools while having a wry smile. Since I'm going to depart by tomorrow, I will prepare everything until then.

As I made the final adjustment to the fan, while reminiscing the previous life, the disciples, who have been strolling around the town, were surprised when they saw the completed fan. When Reus performed [I am an Alien] joke with the fan, Gadd looked at us with a loosened mouth and nodded in satisfaction.

"Even so, Master and the others have really grown up big. I want to see how surprised Dee and the rest are." (Gadd)

"We are also looking forward to seeing Onee-chan's child." (Emilia)

"Yeah, the child is terribly cute… uhm, I can't. It seems Noel-chan will be angry if I talk about it. Sorry." (Gadd)

"It's going to be fun over there. How long does it take from here?" (Sirius?)

“It is about three days by a carriage. It’s practically a straight path, so I think you won’t get lost.” (Gadd)

Since Gadd had went past the town where Noel lives many times, he took out a map and showed me the way. There were a few branch roads along the way, but it seems we won’t get lost, since there is signboard.

“By the way, how is the public order of that town?” (Sirius)

“The public order is good. The name of the town is Aurum. There are almost no gaps between races and I think it’s easy to spend time in that town. Oh yeah, Dee and Noel were excited when Master’s graduation was getting closer. They would say this many times, ‘We can see Sirius-sama at last.’” (Gadd)

“Oh dear, they’re going to complain once we begin our journey. When will we go to Aldroad Continent…?” (Sirius)

“Sirius-sama, we are fine, since we are not in a hurry.” (Emilia)

“Yeah. I want to tell many things to Noel-nee and Dee-nii.” (Reus)

It is alright to stay for a while since we are not in a hurry for the journey, but Noel will definitely ask us to settle down there. ‘Please build a house next to us and live here!’… maybe something like that.

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With this and that, our business and suppliers in the town were done and we left Almest the next day.

There was Galgan Company’s carriage behind our carriage and it contained goods which needed to be delivered to its branch in Aurum town.

The reason why we have another carriage was because we received an escort request from the Galgan Company. The carriage also contained ingredients and seasonings that will be delivered to Dee, so we must ensure its safety.

Gadd planned to go with us, because he usually sends the goods to Dee, but since he had other things to do, he introduced to us an apprentice this time and he sat inside the coach box.

He was a boy with short red hair and blue eyes, the childish features stood out a bit, but he seemed to be honest, like Reus. When he appeared before us, he introduced himself loudly.

“Nice to meet you! My name is Chris Fayt and I am training under Gadd-san. Please feel free to call me Chris.” (Chris)

“I found this fellow in the slave market two years ago, and he is similar to Zach, he became my disciple. Although he is still a child, I expect his future prospects, so will it be alright for you to take him to Aurum?” (Gadd)

“I don’t mind, but will he be alright to go for a trip?” (Sirius)

“He’s been going to Aurum with me a couple of times. Besides, I also taught him about the knowledge of adventurers and how to properly handle a horse. Therefore, there will be no problems if he follows Master.” (Gadd)

“I will not drag your feet, so please take care of me, Sirius-san.” (Chris)

Well, he is going to travel with us and we were also given an escort fee. He is twelve years old, 2 years younger than me, but Gadd said that he is good at handling the carriage, it should be alright if Hokuto doesn’t speed up.

I was told this secretly before the departure, it seems the reason Chris wanted to go along with us was that he wanted to see our splendor in person. He seemed to think that Zach, who was Gadd’s disciple, grew up well because of him getting involved with us. That’s why he also thought that he can be like that, too. I just provided technology, but he probably grew up because he managed it well.

For that reason, Chris, who was following us, sat on the coach seat to drive his carriage, but he was looking at us with a revered look.

“Uhmm… may I ask you something?” (Chris)

“Hm? What is it, Chris-kun?” (Sirius)

“Why is everyone not getting into the carriage, that is…” (Chris)

Chris unexpectedly began to talk after seeing Reese running near the coach box. Well, it’s not that I don’t understand why Chris asked such a question. Emilia was resting inside the carriage and was not on the coach box, while Reese

got off of it and started running.

Furthermore, Reus and I were chasing the carriage while sparring slightly away.

“We are training, of course. Our bodies will become lax if we just ride the carriage.” (Sirius)

“I understand that, but until where are you going to do it?” (Chris)

To common people, what were we doing was nothing but strange. It was because you were not sure when you will be attacked by monsters and thieves when you go outside, and you should avoid wasting energy.

However, we have strength to defeat monsters and thieves, and we have Hokuto, who was sensitive towards the signs of enemies. In case of an emergency, we have one person resting, so as long as a whole group doesn’t suddenly show up, we can still handle.

By the way, Hokuto moves on his own, while considering the circumstances around us, so we don’t have to sit on the coach box.

“Yeah, I can understand Chris-kun’s feelings. I think that I thought the same way a few years ago.” (Reese)

“That’s right! It’s not that I don’t understand why Reese-san is running, but are the two who are sparring over there training too? No matter how you look at it, it seems unreasonable to do it with enough force that could cause injuries.” (Chris)

While occasionally leaving the carriage, I moved forward to face an assault from Reus. When Reus’ fist hit the ground, I used Aikido to throw him away and he would flying over the carriage’s top, drawing a curved line. From an outsider’s perspective, they’d probably be wondering if we can call it training, but…

“That’s still a light one. If they go all out, they’d become too engrossed and leave the carriage.” (Reese)

“You mean, that is light training? So, what Gadd-san said wasn’t a joke…” (Chris)

“What did he say?” (Reese)

“If I get involved with Sirius-san and the rest, I was told to abandon common

sense. It is absurd to say that is common sense indeed.” (Chris)

From his state that accepted and admired our actions, Chris seemed to be a very undaunted young boy. I understand what Gadd has his eyes on.

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The carriage moved on, while we take turns resting. When evening came, we made preparations to camp. Chris said he would prepare the meal himself, but I don’t like one person being left out and eating different things, so I invited him to eat together, because I made a larger portion of the meal. Chris was probably interested with the meals that we made, he nodded obediently and returned to his carriage to take care of the horse.

I ordered Hokuto to watch the surroundings, Emilia and Reus to secure the ingredients, and when I asked Reese to help me, Chris, who had finished taking care of the horse, approached me, who was still cutting the ingredients and offered to help.

“Excuse me, is there anything that I can do?” (Chris)

“Well, can you watch over the bowl on the firewood?” (Sirius)

“Understood. Hmmm, I should hear the boiling sound from inside, is that right?” (Chris)

That bowl is one of the tools which the Galgan Company put on sale, it seemed to be popular among people who know the secret of the rice’s taste.

He waited with a wooden stick on the side when I asked him to watch over the bowl that I put on the firewood some time ago. I think it should be fine because I explained the details about cooking once.

“Let me know when the water is about to overflow. Well, how’s your side, Reese?” (Sirius)

“I finished cutting the vegetables. So, what is left to do is to wait for Emilia and Reus to come back.” (Reese)

By the way, the vegetables were bought at Almest the day before, and the freshness was still good.

That was because it was put in the refrigerator built in the carriage. It was similar to the olden days refrigerator, by using a magic formation to maintain a fixed temperature, and that was sufficient to preserve vegetables and other cold things. Since the mana for the cooling magic formation was made to absorb naturally from the atmosphere, there was no need to fill it with mana, unless the cooling rate was increasing due to hot weather.

The water inside the bowl overflowed, Emilia and Reus returned when the rice was cooked.

“I’m back, Aniki. There was a strange monster that looked like a wild boar, so I sliced off only the appetizing part.” (Reus)

“I’m back. I picked up some peppers, herbs and nuts.” (Emilia)

The green seed was obviously different from the chili pepper that I saw in the previous life, but I decided to use that name on my own. However, the taste was definitely a chili pepper itself. It appears that it as a kind of condiment in this world. I put the pepper aside, since it can be used in many dishes. First, I separated the hunted blocks of meat and put them on a skewer, and then I asked Reus to rekindle the firewood.

“Amazing, there is no need for a meal box.” (Chris)

“We only prepare a meal box in the case of emergency. Now, can you cook all these in one go?” (Sirius)

I put the ingredients that don’t go well with direct fire on the pan and started preparing to cook. Chris, who was told to cook, looked at me and the firewood alternately and tilted his head.

“Well, if the firewood is covered by the skewered meat, how can I fry it?” (Chris)

“There is a magic tool for that. Emilia, get that.” (Sirius)

“Yes.” (Emilia)

Emilia took a box-shaped object from the carriage, and I poured my mana after I put the pan on top of it. Although I poured some mana in for only a few seconds, it released a high heat, and then a burning smell from the hot pot came

drifting towards us.

“Ehhh!? Could that be a magic tool!?” (Chris)

“Yeah, it’s a portable cooking stove. It can release stable heat compared to putting it on a fire.” (Sirius)

“Wow… such high-performance expensive magic tools one after another. Gadd-san, who are these people…?” (Chris)

It seems easy when I use the magic formation that released a high temperature, but compared to any magic formations that I used until now, this one in particular consumed a high amount of mana for cooking like this. And, I couldn’t use it as a stove, unless I kept pouring mana all the time.

However, by combining it with a magic stone that absorbs mana, the mana consumption of a similar magic formation is lowered, while maintaining a similar temperature. Thus, we have developed a product that served as a practical use of a portable cooking stove. The disadvantage was that the price was expensive because it uses a magic stone.

Chris, who was about to suffer mental damage, left me alone and finished cooking.

“Next, put the cooked rice in here…there you go. I’ll finish doing this from now on.” (Sirius)

What am I trying to make is fried rice. It was also good to eat the cooked rice as it was, but I decided to give it a little twist.

I sprinkled spices over the cooked rice, and cooked it with the remaining vegetables and meats and cooked some fried rice.

“Aniki! The skewer meat are grilled.” (Reus)

“The egg soup is also done.” (Reese)

“I have also prepared the tableware for us.” (Emilia)

Today’s menu is fried rice with lots of vegetables, egg soup and plenty of skewered meat. Although it is quite a lot, there is no problem because the disciples can eat it normally.

The fried rice was served in a dish and the soup was given to each person. Thus, this became a dinner.

“Wow… it is delicious. I never thought I could eat such meals outside.” (Chris)

“Don’t hesitate to eat the skewer meat. Since we will depart tomorrow, please eat a lot.” (Sirius)

“I want more, Aniki!” (Reus)

“Sirius-san, I still want the fried rice…” (Reese)

“There is still some left in the pot, so eat it as much as you want. Make sure you divide it properly.” (Sirius)

The two gluttons of our family scoured away the remaining fried rice. There wasn’t a single grain of rice left, as a side who made it, I felt satisfied with the way they were eating. The drawback was the Engel coefficient is probably high, I think?

It was followed by the meal for Hokuto. Hokuto can live just by absorbing mana in the atmosphere. It was fine for him without having to eat, but since he can enjoy taste and texture, he occasionally eats things. Among them, he seemed to like spicy dishes, and he doesn’t feel the burn in his mouth.

So, I grilled the meat with the chili pepper that Emilia picked earlier, and an extremely spicy steak was made. When I called Hokuto, he came while wagging his tail. When I fed Hokuto, who opened his mouth wide, he chewed the meat well while making a sound as if he couldn’t tolerate the spiciness.

On the other hands, the two gluttons said they wanted to eat it, so I cut a small part of the steak and let them eat it…

“Gyaaahhh!” (Reus)

“Yeah… It is so spicy that I can hardly feel the taste of the meat, but it isn’t that bad, right?” (Reese)

While Reus rolled and held his mouth, Reese was calmly analyzing it while drinking water.

It was a glimpse of the terror of Reese.

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The next day, we were moving while training as usual, but Chris also participated in the training today. This morning, he said himself that he wanted to be trained.

I think it is not necessary for a merchant to train, but I don't want to pour cold water on Chris' motivation. Therefore, I allowed him to do it, since he was motivated.

Even if I say so, there is nothing that can be done other than running while traveling during the day time. Christ entrusted Emilia to handle his carriage, and he kept running.

"What's wrong? It hasn't been one hour since you started running, but your jaw is going up. Don't forget to see what's in front of you!" (Sirius)

"Haa…haaa… yes!" (Chris)

I scolded while following him nearby, but Chris kept running without making any complaint. I don't know what motivates him, but it would be courteous of me to respond accordingly when he was doing it earnestly.

When he gets tired, we put him in our carriage, make him recover by using [Regen], and let him run again when he's able to move. It was repeated several times until the camp of the day, Chris' spirit was sharpened in a good condition.

And I gave several blows at Chris, who thought he could finally take a rest calmly.

"Oi, oi, today is not over yet, you know? I thought about teaching you the basics of personal battle… is it not needed?" (Sirius)

"!?… Yes, please!" (Chris)

Although his spirit was crushed for a moment, he somehow cheered up and continued the training. There is less than two days before we reach Aurum. Thus, I have to stuff it in as much as possible so that he may remember and train by himself later.

Since he had a sword, I taught him a style that added a movement based on

the ‘Hard Break One Hand Sword’ style. In addition to the strength, I had him repeat swaying the sword while pointing things out many times in order to make him remember the technique.

Today’s training was over after telling him to repeat the training of this sword technique every day from now on. Although Chris felt as if he’d collapse on the spot, he didn’t seem to feel the difficulty to continue, by looking at him being satisfied.

Anyhow, I think Chris is a straightforward guy. That straightforward part resembles Reus, but it was interesting because there was fine distinction. To put it simply, I would say one is hot blooded straightforward and the other is naturally straightforward.

The disciples gathered after seeing that the training was over, I thought of entrusting Reese to prepare the meal later, but since I had something in mind about Chris, I decided to ask him first.

“Say, Chris. Why do you want to become strong? Don’t you think that, as a merchant’s disciple, you should learn about trading, rather than becoming stronger?” (Sirius)

“I am doing that too, of course. However, I do not have the strength at the critical moment. I don’t want to taste the regret of not being able to do anything again.” (Chris)

“I heard you were found in the slave market. As I expected, you were a former slave, right?” (Sirius)

“Yes. If Gadd-san didn’t pick me up, I’m not sure what would’ve happened to me.” (Chris)

There’s no mistake that something must of happened in the past when he was a slave. But, I am not his guardian, I am just a companion. It’s better to stop digging into his past.

“Is that so? Well… it’s enough for me if I can understand your motivation. I will train you until we get to Aurum.” (Sirius)

“Thank you very much. Though the time is short, please take care of me, Sensei!” (Chris)

“What?” (Sirius)

I never thought of being called a teacher. How should I put it, there’s only a two year different between you and I.

“What’s with Sensei? Officially, you are not my disciple, so it’s weird to call me that. Shouldn’t you call Gadd-san that?” (Sirius)

“I see Gadd-san as an Aniki. Besides, Sirius-san is very calm… and has the characteristics of an expert, so you deserve to be called Sensei.” (Chris)

“Oh, I got it, Chris! Talking about Aniki, it doesn’t seem to different compared to me, but he is really like an adult.” (Reus)

“I also think the same. Although I meet him and there is no gap, I thought many times over that Sirius-san is like a father. I’m really relieved when he is nearby.” (Reese)

“It’s natural to call him Sensei, even if you’ve only met him for two days. This is Sirius-sama’s true strength!” (Emilia)

Somehow, I was praised oddly, but it was reasonable because it would be strange to call me grandpa, even if the inside of me is like that. Hokuto, who knows about it, wagged his tail as if saying I am a friend, and he came closer to me.

Then, the disciples started talking about my splendor, so I left them alone and decided to start preparing the meals. Since they won’t stop doing it, I realized that it was better for me to think about today’s menu without worrying about them.

They were talking for a while, and, in the end, Chris said that he decided to call me Sensei.

“You don’t have to mind about this because I’m doing this arbitrarily, Sensei.” (Chris)

“Aah yeah, do whatever you want.” (Sirius)

By the way, today’s dinner is fried wild grass and meat as a seasoning for the noodles that I put in, and it became a seasoned yakisoba. Although I had a hard time making this exquisite taste of sauce, it was popular amongst my disciples

and was eaten entirely today. To say that there would be leftovers from my disciples is impossible.

Even so… I made it for at least ten people, so what's with these guys' bellies? It is a mystery that can't be solved even after many years.

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Continuing our journey, on the third day after we left Almest… We finally arrived at Aurum, where Noel and Dee live.

Aurum is a town that was not even half of Elysion's size, but it's still a vibrant town. There were people looking for adventurers here and there, new houses were under construction and the work to build the outer wall even higher was proceeding.

The current time was early in the evening, Chris led us to the branch of the Galgan Company and completed the request. While we were there, I also requested the branch to take care of our carriage and handle it safely.

"Thank you, Sensei. Although it was just two days, I think I will continue doing what I have been taught firmly." (Chris)

"I cannot look after you anymore, but you definitely can become stronger if you continue doing what I taught you. Do your best." (Sirius)

"Yes!" (Chris)

We merely stayed together for three days, we parted away from the quite promising Chris. And then, we walked the town as it started getting dark. In the beginning, I planned to stay at the inn in the town and head out slowly in the morning, but Noel will definitely snap if I do such a thing. 'Why did you not stay at our house!?', she'd shout that angrily.

We gathered the surrounding gazes because of the unusual Hokuto, but we didn't mind them and walked to the restaurant that Dee built. Even though I knew the name of the restaurant, because they mentioned it many times, they didn't mention the location on the map. So, I had to ask around the location of

the restaurant from people nearby…

“Aah, there’s no one in the town doesn’t know where the restaurant is. That restaurant is just beyond that road.” (Town people #1)

“It’s a specialty store in the town, isn’t it? I wonder if you guys also came here to eat those dishes? If so, it’s the restaurant on the left of that road.” (Town people #2)

“The cuisines are nice, but their sandwiches are delicious. That’s what you see over there.” (Town people #3)

From the reaction of the town people, Dee and Noel seemed to be doing fine. As we thanked those who pointed to the restaurant, we finally reached Noel and Dee’s restaurant.

[Erina’s Dining Room]

What was that? Although I knew this beforehand, there was something swelling up when seeing the signboard directly. I think that there was no other shop name suitable for them.

Emilia and Reus probably thought the same, they had gentle looks when they looked at the signboard of the store.

“…This is what Dee-san and Onee-chan dream of, right?” (Emilia)

“Hehe… I wonder why? Somehow, it makes me happy.” (Reus)

“Aah, me too. Let’s go inside. I look forward to see how far Dee has improved.” (Sirius)

Unfortunately, we couldn’t bring Hokuto inside the restaurant, so I ordered him to wait outside. I asked him to bark if something happened, and he needed to lie down secretly to avoid getting attention.

We’re finally going to have our reunion with them. When we received their letter, while we were in Elysion, they wrote these sentences.

‘Please look surprised when looking at me who has grown up!’ (Noel)

While we looked forward on how much they had grown up, we took a step and entered the [Erina’s Dining Room].

“Hey, I’d like two curries!” (Customer #1)

“Give me three more Erina sandwiches!” (Customer #2)

“Stews for two, please!” (Customer #3)

The interior of the Erina’s Dining Room was an conventional eatery with several tables and chairs. Counter seats were also prepared, and the setup for the dining room was entirely for the masses.

But, whether this was the peak time of the evening, let alone the store was buzzing with activity, it was also packed. When I was looking for empty seats, a woman, who appeared to be a waitress, found us and said this.

“I’m sorry, the restaurant is full right now. There are four of you, so can you wait at the waiting area until there is an available table?” (Waitress)

She had similar cat ears and red hair like Noel’s… Maybe she is Noel’s sister? For some reason, she looks similar to Noel, it was written in a letter that her younger sister worked as a waitress.

There’s nothing we can do, except wait. As she said, we sat side by side on chairs placed on the wall. It seems they paid attention to what I told them and put this into practice, where they prepared seats for people waiting.

“Aniki, why didn’t you say that you have come? Anyway, since that person doesn’t know, won’t Dee-nii be in the kitchen if you enter there?” (Reus)

“Why don’t we try seeing the hospitality and the taste of the cooking naturally? Besides, they seem to be busy right now, maybe after the store has calmed down?” (Sirius)

Looking around the crowd, where residents and adventurers were, I couldn’t see Noel at all. There was only one waitress, the one that received us and she seemed busy running around the store.

“… Onee-chan is not here. Although the store is busy like this, where is she?” (Emilia)

“That person seems to be quite busy.” (Reese)

“Hmm… there is no other way. As expected, here is…” (Sirius)

“Oi, what’s going on in this shop!?” (??)

As we thought to enter the shop to help them, when we raised our waist, a group of adventurers, who were surrounding a table, raised their voice and gathered attention.

The child waitress immediately went near them and asked about the circumstances, but the adventurers vented their angers without reservation.

“I heard that this is delicious, but how can this store serves such dish! It is spicy and we cannot eat it!” (Adventurer #1)

“That’s right! No one can eat such dish!” (Adventurer #2)

The dishes that they were complaining about was the curry. Although the other party was intimidating, the child waitress looked at the dish on the table, and told the adventurers calmly.

“Dear customers, I’ve explained that this dish is spicy before I accepted your order. I also informed you that the spiciness can be adjusted, but did you not tell to make it the most spicy while laughing?” (Waitress)

There was alcoholic drinks like ales lined up on the table, it seemed they order the most spicy while drunk. This only happened because of their mistake and it was unreasonable to complain because she had explained beforehand. What she said was correct but… those adventurers probably won’t let it go.

Just as I thought, these ruffians’ eyes became sharp and they began to stand up as if they would attack her at anytime.

“So noisy, if you are a man, deal with it. Anyhow, I’m not going to let you eat this dish. Of course, you don’t have money, right?” (Waitress)

“After placing an order, it is impossible to eat even a bit. That’s why, why don’t you ask for another dish to clean the bad taste? If it’s a dessert, I would recommend a shortcake.” (Customer?)

“Are you kidding me!? Don’t ridicule us to order a dessert or something. Oi, you guys, this shop is…” (??)

“Please wait!” (??)

For that excessive stupid claim, I was thinking to send Reus in, but, at that

time…

A loud voice spread over the store, while the adventurers were looking around… that person slowly appeared from the interior of the store. As if she had a world champion's title, she walked dignifiedly inside the shop, stood up in front of the adventurers and pointed at the other party with momentum and a snap sound came out.

"Where is the guy who complained to my cute Nokia-chan?" (??)

"Nice! Do it!" (Customer?)

"Punish them who made fool of Danna's dishes!" (Customer?)

She wore herself in the same maid dress when she was at the mansion, but she held props like some kind of magical stick. She was Noel, herself, that we wanted to meet.

Even so, what's with this situation? We hesitated to call her because this situation was entirely like a magic show, and we could do nothing but watch the scene in blank amazement.

"Wh-what is it to you?" (Adventurer)

"You mean me? I am the wife of the person who made that dish." (Noel)

"Rather than his wife, the person himself must come out! We can't eat this kind of hot dish like that!" (Adventurer)

"Ooh?" (Noel)

As Noel's eyes narrowed, I felt her mana rising up.

As I looked to the side, the waitress called Nokia held her head and was sighing. Somehow, this scene was probably an everyday occurrence.

When I looked at Noel again, her hair grew longer compared to five years ago, and she had a grown up look like a mother who gave birth. According to the letter written, she seems to have grown up.

…In a strange direction, though.

"Rather than complaining about the dish that my husband made, you can handle it easily with a dessert. And above all, as a poster girl of [Erina's Dining

Room], I won't forgive anyone who disturbs other customers who came to the house to eat." (Noel)

"What poster girl!? Don't joke around!" (Adventurer)

"Even if God forgives your arrogance, I will not forgive you. It is because you are trouble by making noise that causes inconvenience to the surrounding customers. Hey, look around you. Everyone has a troubled face…" (Noel)

…Our eyes met.

Yes, my eyes met with hers.

"…Tsk." (Noel)

"Tsk?" (Adventurer)

"You've got it wrong, you know!? E-even if I said it with that tone, I'm just into a character to make everyone enjoy eating their meals, so I'm really… arrgghhhhh." (Noel)

While screaming loudly, Noel screamed with all her power to the interior of the store.

The surroundings were stunned with such an excessive escape, I hit Reus' shoulder and asked him to clean the garbage. Reus nodded and approached the men who were still confused. He grabbed their faces and threw them from an open window. Of course, there were some who resisted, but Reus was superior in both skill and strength, so every last one of them was easily thrown out. The meal cost was collected earlier and Reus kept doing what he's been doing. Since I heard Hokuto's bark, it would probably be alright to leave it to him afterwards.

And then, I clapped my hands to gather attention, and pointed to Nokia to leave the matter to her.

"Aah… well, everyone please continue your meals." (Nokia)

The clatter sound regained back because of those words, I guess the customers are used to it. Since the busy situation didn't change, we nodded to each other.

"I will enter the kitchen. Emilia and Reus, I'll leave things here to you." (Sirius)

“Yes, please leave it to us.” (Emilia)

“This is my first time as a waitress, but I’ll work hard.” (Reese)

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As I confirmed that Emilia and the rest offered help to Nokia, I turned my feet to the kitchen.

In the kitchen, Dee and another man with cat ears, had turned into a scenario where they moved around tightly. I borrowed an apron on the wall, and the man with cat ears noticed me when I stepped into the kitchen.

Which reminds me, it was written in Dee’s letter that he has one disciple. If I’m not mistaken, his name is Alad?

“Aah, I’m sorry, Mr. Customer. Here is the kitchen, so it will be a trouble if you enter arbitrarily.” (Alad)

“No, I came here to help.” (Sirius)

“You said you wanted to help, huh. In the first place, who are you…?” (Alad)

“Sirius-sama!?” (Dee)

Thereupon, Dee noticed my presence and turned around. Seeing Dee’s eyes for the first time in five years was sharper than before, and without a doubt, that was a feature of an artisan. Although he is just a chef, I realized the muscles on his whole body change too. It’s doesn’t look painful even if it seems severe, he looks fulfilling above all.

He turned his eyes and glared the same as usual, but I know he was happy because his mouth loosened.

“Long time no see, Dee. There are lots of stories hanging, but let’s overcome this situation for now.” (Sirius)

“But Sirius-sama… No, thank you.” (Dee)

He probably understood that I won’t pull out. Furthermore, the situation was also bad, so Dee accepted my help obediently.

There were wooden tags written with the dishes’ name placed on the stand in

the colonnade that connects the kitchen to the floor.

As soon as I confirmed the menu on the table and broke the eggs with the necessary ingredients, Alad raised his voice while pointing at me.

“Eh, wait a second Dee-san, who on earth is this guy!? Will it be alright to let him cook on his own!?” (Alad)

“If it’s this guy, it will be fine, Alad. You just do your job.” (Dee)

“Y-yes!” (Alad)

With those words, Alad resumed his work. Apparently, they have built a considerable relationship as a teacher and a student, since he obeyed the order faithfully. However, Alad seemed unable to let it go completely, he looked here several times, but he groaned admiringly when seeing the way I cut the vegetables.

“Amazing, he is faster than me.” (Alad)

“Of course. This person is my master, Sirius-sama.” (Dee)

“Ehh, this person is Sirius-sama!?” (Alad)

When Alad learned that I was Dee’s master, his facial expression changed from doubt to admiration with glittering eyes. I wonder what did Dee say about me?

He looked somewhat nervous when he turned his eyes towards me.

“Alad. I understand your feelings, but move your hands first.” (Dee)

“I-I can’t! I’m sorry.” (Alad)

“You can leave the preparations to me. You guys are finishing, anyway.” (Sirius)

“”Yes.”” (Dee/Alad)

No matter how much they teach me the recipes, I can’t produce the taste similar to Dee’s. So, I decided to follow them completely.

I cut the vegetables and meat, put them inside the pot and frying pan in front of those two and kept the necessary things out of the way. As a result, the movements of those two in the kitchen were reduced, and the speed of the whole cooking rose dramatically.

When there was leeway, Dee would speak to Alad while swimming the frying pan.

“Do you understand? It will be easier like this if you do the preparation.” (Dee)

“Yes! As expected of Dee-san’s master… Ah, thank you!” (Alad)

I put the meat for Alad’s stir fry vegetables dish on his side, and I put the finished dish into the platform that goes inside the store.

I checked the inside of the store from there, and Emilia seemed to be moving around smoothly, showing unrivaled effort. She was undoubtedly demonstrating the experience for helping at Elysion’s inn, [Spring Breeze of Perch].

Reese took orders while being at a loss, and with the sudden appearance of the girls with blue and silver hairs, the customers placed extra orders in a good mood. By the way, Reus, who was also a waiter, stared and dispersed anyone who tried to do any sexual harassment on the two girls.

The other side seemed to be alright, so I turned to the cooking group again.

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“Eh? Sirius-sama, how long have you been here?” (Noel)

After a short while when the flow of customers stopped, Noel entered the kitchen with an innocent look, and was surprised with an exaggerated reaction.

“…A little while ago. What on earth were you doing?” (Sirius)

“Was it unpleasant, Sirius-sama? Even though it is a reunion of excitement between servant and master, why does it feel so bland!?” (Noel)

This married woman… she’s trying to make me forget the incident a while ago.

Oh well. Let’s talk slowly about that later.

“There will be a lot of talking after you close the store. Here is fine, so, please, entertain the customers.” (Sirius)

“Yes. Dear, I’m going.” (Noel)

“Aah.” (Dee)

It seems the couple doesn’t change by calling each other expressively even

when they are close by. Since the kitchen started to look calm, I heard a voice from inside of the store when I got permission from Dee to make a meal.

“Emi-chan and Reus-kun, long time no see! I wanted to see you guys!” (Noel)

“I wanted to see you too, Noel-nee!” (Emilia)

“Yeah. Oh, could this be Reese-chan? Amazing, you have beautiful hair.” (Noel)

“Eh!? Uhmm… Nice to meet you, Noel-san. My name is Reese.” (Reese)

“Nice to meet you, too, I am Noel. I don’t mind if you call me Onee-chan.” (Noel)

“Onee-chan! Please do it later because you are at work!” (Nokia)

“Reus too, act properly!” (Emilia)

“”…Yes”” (Reus/Noel)

I can’t see it from here, but I can imagine Emilia and Nokia’s depressed eyes in my mind. Which reminds me, those two often played a prank and mother got angry.

It hasn’t really changed. Although we barely greeted each other for the reunion, it feels really similar to when we were in the mansion.

That made me smile naturally. And then, I confirmed the boiling condition of the pot with a good mood.

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The store was closed a little bit early, and we gathered in the center of the store with my cooked dish… we surrounded the pot and it was the reunion greeting again.

In terms of numbers, there are four of us, Dee and Noel’s family, Alad and Nokia. And there was a little girl hiding behind Noel and she’s watching me.

Hmm, this means, it’s a girl, huh…

“Fufu, did you notice Sirius-sama? I have a lot of things to talk about, but first, let me introduce this child.” (Noel)

“Aah, I don’t mind. By all mean, please introduce her.” (Sirius)

“Yes! This child here is our precious, Noir-chan. Come, what should you say, Noir-chan?” (Noel)

“Hmm… M-my name… is Noir.” (Noir)

She was a cute girl with red hair and cat ears inherited from Noel. She definitely took after her mother, and seemed to almost have no genes from Dee.

Because she was a bit shy, Noir hid again behind Noel after introducing herself. Dee was laughing happily and stroked her head while praising her. He seemed to be on a good terms with his child.

And then, Noel picked up Noir, lined up next to Dee, and bowed again to us.

“You did well, Noir-chan. And Sirius-sama, it’s been a long time.” (Dee)

“Yeah, it’s been a long time. And I really appreciate it. We are here all thanks to you.” (Noel)

“I only helped a little, didn’t I? Your success is because you guys continued your efforts.” (Sirius)

“We also made an effort, but it is all because of what Sirius-sama taught us. Please, look here, Sirius-sama. This is what we are now. My family and I are truly blessed, thanks to you.” (Noel)

Noel had a smile on her whole face while I nodding in satisfaction.

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I asked my disciples.

List any bad points of Sirius.

“…” (Emilia)

“…” (Reus)

“…” (Reese)

“No, no, if you have something, You can say it without worrying about it.” (Sirius)

“Please, stroke me more! Please, brush me more! And when are you going to embrace me?” (Emilia)

“I want to eat more rice, and please take care of me more!” (Reus)

“I want to eat cake. After that… I want to hold your hands.” (Reese)

“Those are your requests!” (Sirius)

The result is… I just don’t get it.

Chapter 7: Greetings from the Noel Family

After Noir's introductions were finished, Noel continued the introductions by pushing the two who had lined up next to her.

"Sirius-sama, these two here are my younger sister, Nokia-chan and my younger brother, Alad. They work in our restaurant." (Noel)

"Hmm, I think there were more in the letter, right?" (Sirius)

"The other children are working somewhere else. They felt that they would be spoiled if they remained here, so they left on their own." (Noel)

"You mean that the siblings that are younger than you left? Well, anyway… nice to meet you, my name is Sirius." (Sirius)

"I am Nokia, Onee-chan's younger sister. You can call me whatever you like. And, you're the important benefactor for Onee-chan, right? You can treat us the same way." (Nokia)

"U-uhmm. My name is Alad. I didn't know that you are Dee-san's master, and I said rude things earlier." (Alad)

Obviously, I am younger than them, but from Dee and Noel's manner, they seemed to have decided to do the same. I think it is good to be respected by Alad, and as for Nokia, she is more natural about it.

"Is that so? Then, I'll just talk as usual. I have been a commoner since a few years already, but I am, more or less, Dee's and Noel's master. And these guys next to me are…" (Sirius)

After me, I introduced my disciples in turns. Thanks to them helping out by becoming waiters and waitresses, the evaluation from Nokia and Alad doesn't seem to be bad.

When I brought in Hokuto, who was waiting outside, and introduced him, Noel's whole family opened their mouths wide, as I expected. Among them, only Noel and Noir had their eyes glittering, they bumped into Hokuto's body to enjoy the feeling of his fur.

“It’s a doggy! Okaa-san, it’s a doggy!” (Noir)

“You can’t, Noir-chan. His name is Hokuto, so you have to call his name properly. Nevertheless, he has amazingly pleasant fur to touch. It’s a fitting Beast Companion for Sirius-sama, right?” (Noel)

“Yeah. Hokuto-chan feels good!” (Noir)

It was a sight that made you believe that Noir was definitely Noel’s daughter. Although the mother-and-daughter duo were extremely fearless, where was Dee’s gene? Was Noel’s gene too strong?

After the introductions were finished with this and that, everyone reached out for the cooking pot that I prepared. As a recipe that I taught, there were plenty of ingredients available, so it became a slightly extravagant hot pot dish.

The disciples were smacking their lips at the hot pot dish they haven’t had for such a long time, since we went out for our journey, and it seemed like their chopsticks were extending further than usual, probably because we were eating with a large household.

On the other hand, the reaction from Noel’s family was…

“Yeah… it’s delicious, as I expected. And I have really missed it.” (Noel)

“…I still have a ways to go.” (Dee)

“Delicious. Even though you use almost the same ingredients, what is this deep taste?” (Nokia)

“Uhh… it makes me feel frustrated, but Onee-chan is right. I can’t stop my hands.” (Alad)

Their reactions were the best of all. However, while everyone was reaching out to the pot, one after another, there was a child with a pale reaction.

“What is it, Noir-chan? Don’t you like Nabe?” (Noel)

“…I like it.” (Noir)

“Otou-san will get it. Look, the vegetables and meat are also cooked well, isn’t it good?” (Dee)

“Yeah.” (Noir)

Noel and Dee took care of her diligently, but Noir's eating progress was slow, for some reason.

Does the taste not fit her? However, judging from her look, it wasn't because of that… Maybe because of her cat tongue?

While I was wondering, my two gluttonous disciples were imposing, and Nokia seemed embarrassed and handed over the plates.

"I want more, Aniki!" (Reus)

"Sirius-san, are there more ingredients?" (Reese)

"M-me too!" (Emilia)

"…It seems like it would be better to buy a little more tomorrow, right?" (Dee)

"Sorry. I will get the money, so I would like you to buy for more than ten people." (Sirius)

While I felt sorry about my gluttonous disciples, I put some vegetables and meat into the hot pot again. By the way, I put the rice in and made porridge with the vegetables, but it goes without saying that it was eaten up in an instant.

Since I couldn't prepare dessert today, Dee prepared some light snacks and drinks from the kitchen. While eating them, we continued chatting to fill the time we haven't seen each other.

The focus of the talk was mainly about our school life, but since the disciples were role-playing the events that happened there, the Noel family was being absorbed and listening intently.

"Then, when we thought that there was no more hope… Aniki busted through the wall and came to help. The appearance of Aniki at that time was… the best!" (Reus)

"Yeah. Sirius-sama's back at that time was really bright. Even as I recall it now, it makes me fall in love all over again." (Emilia)

"Kuhh… as expected of Sirius-sama. It was an appearance that made the best delicious scene! Emi-chan has already fallen, and Reese-chan, too, has fallen." (Noel)

“No, it wasn’t like that for me, at that time…” (Reese)

“Ooh? I definitely want to hear the story.” (Noel)

“The feasts are good and all, but isn’t better to finish this soon? There is tomorrow, right?” (Sirius)

Looking outside, it’s already late at night and the whole town had already gone to sleep except for a select few. It’s fine for Noel and Dee because they were at home, but Nokia and Alad had to go back to their parent’s house, which was nearby, so we should finish here, for now.

“It can’t be helped then. Since you guys will be here later, let us sleep in the same room.” (Noel)

“The chairs over there are enough for us. In the worst case, I think we can look for an inn.” (Sirius)

“That’s absolutely no good! Sirius-sama will stay in the guest room, Reus-kun will stay together with my dear, and all the girls will stay in my room, even though it’s a bit cramped. Please be assured, because we have bought several blankets for this day.” (Noel)

Am I staying at the guest room alone by myself? That was a little bit of preferential treatment to me, so I also invited Reus and Emilia to the guest room, but it seemed that it had been decided because there was something that they wanted to talk about between the attendants.

We decided to continue again tomorrow. While Reus escorted Nokia and Alad back home, I decided to go to bed, after cleaning my body.

As a side story, before parting with Noel, after she made sure Noir went to sleep, I asked about the matter we had been talking about.

“Well… Noel. What on earth was that prank?” (Sirius)

“Eh? What are you talking about?” (Noel)

While sweating, she pretended not to know about the matter of being a poster girl, but for me, it was not so. I repeatedly questioned her several times, while persistently staring at her. Finally, she admitted it and told me the details.

“You see, I merely drove away the customers by doing pranks with magic. It

got over my head when they said that the food was not good. And then, the popularity became good for the customers in general… so I thought that I should make it slightly funny…" (Noel)

So, she made that intimidating appearance with those props just because of that? It seemed like a sideshow, but it was not a very good idea in this world.

"Dee didn't stop it… No, he would have stopped it." (Sirius)

"Yes. But, I would do it if it makes the shop thrive. However, I can't strongly stop thinking about his feelings…" (Noel)

"I told you many times to stop doing this because it was dangerous." (Sirius)

"Since I can't help much with cooking, I thought I should do this much. Aah, the customers rarely complain about it, and it's only happened twice." (Noel)

"It is not a problem with the number of times!" (Sirius)

I grabbed Noel's face and made her eat an Iron Claw after a long absence. Unlike in the olden days, my height has overtaking hers, so it's easy to grasp Noel's small face. When I loaded my grip strength, Noel suffered in agony just like before.

"Ouch! Th-this is really nostalgic! Somehow, it is stronger than before!" (Noel)

"I understand that you want to be helpful, but what are you going to do if the opponent is stronger than you!?" (Sirius)

"B-but… For this store, I would…" (Noel)

"And what will you do if you get hurt!?" (Sirius)

"It looks like I'm getting injured nowwww! I'm sorryyyy!" (Noel)

Rather than releasing her because of her self-reflection, I planned to warn Noel and put my hand on her head while she sat exhaustedly on a chair.

"Listen, if you are injured, Dee and Noir will be sad. Since I don't want that to happen, please talk to the town guards and come up with some countermeasures." (Sirius)

"Uuu… you're making a troubled face, Sirius-sama. I will not let my Master worry anymore, so I will stop doing that from today on." (Noel)

If I persuade her strongly, she will diligently listen. The reason why she didn't listen to Dee and Nokia was that she prioritized her responsibility to hype the store. Besides, those two are very lenient to Noel, no matter what she does, and, in the end, they would probably allow her misconduct.

Therefore, I clearly scolded her and told her that she must not do that, and then made a troubled face to make her feel guilty. She is a person who gets carried away easily, but I thought she would snap since she is a gentle girl.

"You're lying!? I heard what Aneki said!" (Alad)

"To make Onee-chan listen so obediently… He's really the person that Dee-san respects." (Nokia)

After Alad, Nokia also began to look at me with respect. Oi, Noel, what does your family view you as?

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Early in the morning, the next day, I woke up in a small but satisfactory guest room. When I looked at the height of the sun, it seemed that I woke up with the noise coming from the kitchen, which was a little earlier than usual.

When I left the room, and went into the kitchen, Dee and Alad had already started preparations. As I expected, it was early in the morning for a restaurant.

From the talk that I heard yesterday, [Erina's Dining Room] sells sandwiches and light meals that can be carried around in the morning, and opens as a typical dining room from noon. Those two were making sandwiches and light meals while moving around in the kitchen. When I peeked into the kitchen, they stopped what they were doing, when they noticed me, and gave their greetings.

"Good morning, Sirius-sama." (Dee)

"Good morning! Did we, by any chance, wake you up?" (Alad)

"You don't have to worry because I always wake up around this time. By the way, do you need a hand?" (Sirius)

"No, we are fine. This is our usual routine. Would you like to have breakfast?" (Dee)

"I would like to have it after my morning exercise." (Sirius)

After telling them about breakfast, I went outside to a well to wash my face. When I reached out to get the towel that was placed nearby, Emilia, who got up at the same time as me, immediately handed it to me. Reus and Reese were standing behind her, while Hokuto was waiting with his tail swinging.

All of the members have gathered, so shall we also go out for today?

“Alright, today we are going to do stealth training around the town.” (Sirius)

During our time in the Diamond Cottage, we had no issue, since we were running through the mountains, but here is the early morning of a town. If we run all out, we will make a lot of noise. While diminishing the sound of our footsteps as much as possible, we started running slower than usual.

For us, this was training; but for Hokuto, it was a stroll with his master, so he ran happily beside me while wagging his tail.

After we went through several rounds around the town and finished warming up, we came to the square behind the [Erina’s Dining Room]. We saw various places when we were running around, but now, we chose to use a desolate place with overgrown weeds.

It seemed that the place was owned by a noble who managed the town, but they won’t blame us for entering this place on our own, because that noble is a fan of Dee’s dishes. To begin with, the dining room was built here in a strategic place, which was not far from the town’s center, and it was to please and serve dishes to that noble.

At the present time, the place was left idle, but I am grateful, since there was a place where we can train without reservation. As we finished our daily routine, I thought about seeing Emilia’s knife technique today, but then I remembered something when I looked at Hokuto, who was waiting while wagging his tail.

“That reminds me… I haven’t play Frisbee with Hokuto yet.” (Sirius)

His name was different from the current one, but Hokuto had played many times in the previous life. Especially, Frisbee, i think it was his favorite and it had technology that can be aimed at anywhere in the world.

I couldn’t do this in front of mother’s grave, so, some time after, I made a new Frisbee with much effort, and this might be a good opportunity to try it out.

When I thought that Hokuto could get it almost anywhere, as long as he has his current ability, his figure, which was next to me, disappeared without me noticing. At the same time, both Emilia and Reus' figures were missing, and the remaining Reese was staring at me with a bitter smile.

"Eh, where did they go?" (Sirius)

"Sirius-san, didn't you mutter 'Frisbee' earlier? The moment they heard that…" (Reese)

Before Reese finished talking, two people and an animal were running while raising a cloud of dust, they stopped in front of me and formed a line. And then, Emilia handed over the big handmade Frisbee for Hokuto in her hands with glittering eyes.

"Please, Sirius-sama!" (Emilia)

"Aniki, quickly!" (Reus)

"Woof!" (Hokuto)

These two people and an animal… No, aren't they three animals already? The movements of the three tails were synchronized, and there was no need to say anything else. Let's treat them as good as I can.

"I can't be their opponents, so I'll step down." (Reese)

"That sounds like a good idea." (Sirius)

Judging by Hokuto's and the siblings' capabilities, they would complain if I threw it lightly. Because of that, I threw it until my wrist became blurred, while using [Boost], and those three rushed out with a rocket-like start.

As the Frisbee flew far above, Emilia rushed over while creating a tailwind with magic, Reus ran on the ground with [Boost], and Hokuto ran with his proud legs.

To get the better even after only several seconds of the match… as I expected of Hokuto.

The speed of Hokuto made the siblings fall behind, he caught the dropped Frisbee easily with his mouth. It can't be helped, since there are differences between quadrupled and bipedal movements, and the differences in physical abilities between a wolf and a human.

Hokuto came back to me, while making a sidelong glance at the frustrated two. When I stroked his head after receiving the Frisbee, he was pleasingly wagging his tail around while making a sound in his throat.

“Alright, good job, Hokuto. But, wasn’t that a bit immature?” (Sirius)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

No matter how you look at it, there was too much of a difference in abilities. That’s why I told him to go a bit easy on them, but Hokuto was shaking his head as if saying that he couldn’t do it.

“Hokuto is right, Aniki! This is already a battle!” (Reus)

“Pity is unnecessary. We will defeat Hokuto with our ability and have Sirius-sama pat us!” (Emilia)

“Woof!” (Hokuto)

Taking the challenge meant that they understood what Hokuto was saying.

As for these three, it’s not a game anymore. It’s a battle for the Frisbee.

Due to the difference in abilities, Hokuto’s victory was already decided. So, instead of going easy on them, he decided to impose a handicap on himself. Although the battle continued with the siblings interfering with him and making his starting location far behind them, Hokuto outran everything and grasped the victory… and it continued on.

This was some strange circumstances, but I didn’t feel like stopping them, since this was also training for the siblings. When I stroked Hokuto for the tenth time, the siblings got together and had a strategy meeting.

“Huuu… As expected of Hokuto-san, he’s tough. Even if we try to interfere, he can avoid them all and grab it first.” (Emilia)

“If that’s the case, let’s do that, Nee-chan.” (Reus)

“But, you can’t get it with that.” (Emilia)

“It’s alright. Now, I just want to win against Hokuto-san!” (Reus)

After the strategy meeting, the determined siblings were waiting for my throw with tense looks.

And then, Emilia and Reus chased after the Frisbee that I threw, but Hokuto was drawing closer from behind. Hokuto wasn't losing, even though the siblings were given a handicap of distance. However, they lost many times due to Hokuto's high jumping power.

When I watched to see how they could make that up, Emilia was slowing down a bit, while Reus suddenly looked back, before he placed both of his hands in front of him, on top one another. Emilia put her feet onto his hands, they took a synchronized breath and…

"Nee-chan, go!" (Reus)

At the same time Reus threw Emilia, she jumped high by using wind magic.

The jump where the siblings worked together was higher than Hokuto's, and Emilia caught the Frisbee before it started to fall.

"I got it!" (Emilia)

"That's amazing, Emilia! But, what about the landing!?" (Reese)

Reese was worried, but Emilia would be able to land well with wind magic. However, when I looked at her, it seems that she was too excited, because she was finally able to catch it, and forgot to think about the landing.

In any case, I was prepared to jump out at anytime, but Hokuto jumped and rescued Emilia by grabbing her collar with his mouth. Hmm, he's doing a good job, as usual.

After Hokuto rescued Emilia, he landed without a sound,then walked in front of me, while holding her in his jaw, before dropping her off. It looked like Hokuto was praising the siblings for giving him a good fight.

"Hokuto-san, thank you very much. Sirius-sama, I finally did it!" (Emilia)

"Aah, good job." (Sirius)

She raised the Frisbee as if she took the world's gold medal, so I patted her more than usual. She wagged her tail more probably because she was never able to win until a while ago, and finally got a pat. She was immersed in happiness and made an ecstatic face.

"Aah… this is a 'Pat of Victory'. So sweet…" (Emilia)

“So nice…” (Reus)

“What are you envying, Reus? Come here.” (Sirius)

The winner this time was not only Emilia, who grabbed the Frisbee, but also Reus. Even if you want to win on your own, seizing the victory by cooperating when facing a powerful opponent was praise-worthy.

Because of that, when I called Reus and patted him, he was laughing in satisfaction after having a hard time.

“Hehe…a pat at last.” (Reus)

With that, today’s Frisbee game was over.

It will soon be time for breakfast. After that, we plan to go and greet Noel’s mother.

Even if Noel was someone who is easily flattered, I was taken good care of by her when I was a baby. Therefore, I plan to thank her mother properly. According to Noel, it seemed her mother also wanted to see me, so I have to show my face soon.

I brought back those three who were sad because Frisbee time had ended, and returned to the [Erina’s Dining Room].

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We gathered in the living room, which was the staying area of [Erina’s Dining Room], and we were having breakfast.

Today’s breakfast was Dee’s homemade French Toast. Besides that, salads and soups were also lined up on the table, it was a considerable-sized breakfast. We immediately ate the French Toast, and it was obviously more delicious than before.

“Yeah, it’s delicious. It is cooked very well, Dee.” (Sirius)

“Thank you very much.” (Dee)

“I miss this taste. This soup also has the same taste that I ate at that time…” (Emilia)

“It’s delicious! Dee-nii, your skill has improved again!” (Reus)

“Of course, Reus-kun! My husband is working hard, you know. What about Reese-chan?” (Noel)

“Yes, it is delicious. By the way…” (Reese)

Noel was so proud, rather than the person himself. Meanwhile, Reese was eating one after another with a smile, and stopped eating when her plate was empty. When she looked up, not feeling satisfied enough, Dee quickly gave her more.

“Aah… err…” (Reese)

“You don’t need to hold back. You should eat as much as you want.” (Dee)

“That’s right, Reese-chan. We are also happy when you enjoy eating that much. Feel free to tell us if you want to eat more.” (Noel)

“Thank you very much. Alright… I would like two more, please.” (Reese)

“Me too, another please!” (Reus)

“Aah, I’m going to make it soon, so please wait.” (Dee)

Dee went back and forth between the kitchen and the living room to prepare more toast. I also tried to help, but Dee told me to enjoy remembering the olden days, and he refused my help. Dee did this and that on his own and he absolutely didn’t want any help. It was like this when we were at the mansion.

While the two gluttons in the house ate toasts that were prepared one after another, I noticed that Noir, who sat on the farthest seat from me, was watching me. When our eyes met, she immediately looked away and ate some toast. Was it my imagination, or did she seem to be in a slightly bad mood?

“What is it, Noir-chan? You usually eat more, but you’re eating slower today.” (Noel)

“Does it not suit your taste?” (Dee)

“That’s not it! Otou-san’s toast is really delicious.” (Noir)

“Huhu. Of course, it’s Otou-san’s dish. But you know, Sirius-sama was the one who made this French Toast for the first time. Besides, he also taught Otou-san

other dishes.” (Noel)

“…Is that so?” (Noir)

“That’s right. That’s why, when Noir-chan also grows up, becoming Sirius-sama’s attendant is…” (Noel)

“Thanks for the meal.” (Noir)

Even though the talk was interrupted, it was Noel who wanted her daughter to become my attendant. And the subject of the discussion, Noir, left her seat in the middle of it and went outside.

From the state of Noel and Dee, who were watching dumbfoundedly, Noir’s current behavior was very unusual.

“I-I’m sorry, Sirius-sama. Noir-chan was impolite.” (Noel)

“She is usually a gentle and good kid, but to run away like that…” (Dee)

“Hmm, anyway, both of you, go and chase after Noir. I don’t mind, so don’t be angry towith her.” (Sirius)

“Yes, please excuse us.” (Dee)

When those two left the living room to chase Noir, Alad, who had been preparing the food in the kitchen, and Nokia, who came in from her parents house, appeared. These two looked puzzled when the homeowner was not here. They looked more puzzled when I explained the situation.

“It’s unusual for Noir to run away.” (Nokia?)

“That’s true. She is a good child, who properly carries the dishes after finished eating, so why did she do this?” (Alad?)

“Maybe it is because of us? Leaving that matter aside, rather than Alad, Nokia is here early, huh. Aren’t you going to work at noon?” (Sirius)

“That’s true, but I have something for Sirius-san. Although it is sudden, is this time alright?” (Nokia)

Nokia lowered her head and she seemed sorry, but the plan at the moment was to meet their mother. When I said that I had no problem with this time, Nokia was relieved and looked towards the interior of the store.

“The truth is… our Okaa-san is coming to the store. And she said she wanted to talk to Sirius-san alone.” (Nokia)

“Only me?” (Sirius)

“Yes. She will greet the rest later; but first, she would like to talk with Sirius-san about an important matter.” (Nokia)

“Hmmm… I have no problem since I planned to say hello. On the contrary, I apologize for having you come here.” (Sirius)

“No, I do it voluntarily for Okaa-san.” (Nokia)

As I expected of my disciples, they watched me and didn’t worry about it, since it’s a matter regarding Noel’s family.

When she entered the store, a short brown-haired woman sat on a chair prepared for a table. I knew that she was a person who had considerable muscle from the thickness of her arms, a good build, compared to an ordinary woman.

When that woman noticed me, she made a carefree smile, while stirring the same cat ears as Noel’s. The words that were suitable to describe her was a gutsy mother or an elder sister.

“Are you Sirius-kun?” (??)

“Yes, I am Sirius. Are you Noel’s mother?” (Sirius)

“Aah, that’s right. Anyway, sit down here. And also, I prohibit honorifics. Just talk normally.” (??)

Although her behavior was rough, she didn’t make me feel uncomfortable because it was a plain way of speaking. I wonder how much Noel told her about me; but first, I should sit on a chair and introduce myself.

When I took the seat, Noel’s mother picked up the water jug that was on the table, poured the water into a cup and put it in front of me. It was said that this was an important talk, but I was served regular water and not tea. Should this be said as too proper or daring?

Whatever it is, I am more comfortable like this, rather than being formal, so I don’t mind.

“Anyhow, it’s nice to meet you. I am Noel’s mother, Stella. Call me appropriately.” (Stella)

“Well then, I’ll call you Stella-san. As you may already know, my name is Sirius.” (Sirius)

“Aah, I have heard it many times from Noel. It seems my idiot daughter has been totally indebted to you.” (Stella)

Stella-san said it herself that her daughter was an idiot, and she looked through a window while smiling gently.

Her mouth was bad, but there was no mistake that this person was a mother that worried about her child. There was no need for underhanded tricks, and it was better to talk unreservedly.

“I won’t deny that she is an idiot, and I certainly took care of her too. But I learned many things from Noel.” (Sirius)

“Hahaha, she is such an idiotic daughter, but I’m happy if she could help you.” (Stella)

“Please don’t say she’s too much of an idiot. Isn’t that something a splendid mother does?” (Sirius)

“Yeah, she is an idiotic girl. Even so, it makes me happier.” (Stella)

After that, she started telling old stories that almost sound like she was complaining.

Stella-san was a woman who worked in public works of Aurum, and mainly with labor work. Stella had seven children, and Noel was the oldest among them.

She lost her husband and raised the children alone, but it seemed she went through a harsh life and she couldn’t work well. This continued for several years, and then one day, when the family couldn’t eat enough, Noel seemed to have suddenly left the house in order to reduce the food costs, even if it’s a little bit.

“She’s really an idiotic girl. The situation of getting better by reducing a single person also didn’t happen. She left the house because she was worrying about pointless things. And then, she became an attendant for a noble. When the letter came, she came back with a marriage partner. That made me worried as a

parent, but now it is indescribable to see that idiot having so much happiness.” (Stella)

“I definitely would like to say so. But, isn’t she helping out, by now?” (Sirius)

“It is frustrating, but that’s true. She gave my other daughters and sons stable jobs, and brought them a husband who could make delicious meals. We became really comfortable, thanks to her coming back home.” (Stella)

Then, she drank her water in one gulp, before looking at me, after pouring the water again.

Her face and personality are completely different from mother, but the warmth that I feel was exactly the same as mother.

“When I heard she became a slave, I felt like hitting her unconsciously. Hey, did you see this… well. But, I also heard that that idiotic girl was picked up and raised by a benefactor.” (Stella)

“That was… my mother.” (Sirius)

“Yeah. I wanted to thank that person, but she seemed to have already passed away. I thought of whom I should thank… and I finally got someone.” (Stella)

The reason she called me out alone was probably because she wanted to tell me, sincerely, without being disturbed by anyone. At that seriousness, I couldn’t say that I should not receive her gratitude.

“…Understood. On behalf of my mother, I will accept it.” (Sirius)

“‘If it’s the son of that person, please do not hesitate to accept him’. Thank you so much… for saving my child.” (Stella)

Together with her earnest words of gratitude, Stella got off the chair and knelt down on the floor. Stella raised her embarrassed but refreshed face, before she sat back on the chair and drank some more water.

“Well… that was an embarrassing appearance. I can’t show it to that girl.” (Stella)

“No, you don’t need to be embarrassed about the behavior of a mother who thinks of her children.” (Sirius)

“Is that so? Oh, of course, there are also shares of gratitude for Sirius. Did you train that girl? And didn’t you have a hard time?” (Stella)

“…More or less.” (Sirius)

“Yeah, that’s right. I like it when you are being honest. Nevertheless, that girl was picked up by a really good master!” (Stella)

Stella-san smiled graciously and shouted loudly after looking at the store’s interior. Yeah, did you notice them after all?

“Don’t you think so, Noel? You guys, don’t hide. Come out!” (Stella)

“Muuu… we’ve been found out. By the way, Okaa-san, Sirius is definitely a good master! Even though he will do painful things, sometimes…” (Noel)

Noel and the disciples who were peeking from the interior came out, while exchanging apologetically glances with us. Noel and Noir did it openly, so it meant that they displayed various meanings.

“It is not good for you to not have a slightly painful experience. By the way, are those children at the back Sirius’ friends? Introduce them.” (Stella)

“Alright. These children are my juniors at work that I have treated like a brother and a sister. Ah, although Reese-chan is a sister, she is not an attendant.” (Noel)

“I am also a sister?” (Reese)

“Oh, you! How should I introduce you, then? Besides, I didn’t say the essential name, right? Come, you don’t have to stay behind.” (Noel)

Noel’s head was hit slightly, and she was driven off as soon as she dropped. As expected of a mother, she knows how to handle Noel well.

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After the introduction of the disciples, Stella-san affectionately stroked every one of them.

“Emilia, Reus, and Reese. Those are good names. Unlike the girls in my family, these children seem to be smart.” (Stella)

“There is no such thing. Onee-chan saved us.” (Emilia)

“Yeah. Noel-nee always played with us.” (Reus)

“Although I haven’t known her for long time, she is a very lively and splendid person who pleases the surroundings.” (Reese)

“Hee… they are giving good compliments. She is different, after all.” (Stella)

“Uhmm, Okaa-san! This is the place to be deeply moved! It is also the place to praise your splendid daughter!” (Noel)

Noel turned while being angry, but Stella pinned her down with one hand and just laughed.

While displaying such an intimate scene, Dee prepared drinks for everyone and put them on a table. Since we were all here together, we decided to discuss the plan.

And Noel, who was dealt nicely by Stella-san, interrupted the discussion while breathing roughly. If you are tired, you can take a break, and this doesn’t concern you, anyway.

“Hu… hu… So, how long will Siriu-sama stay here?” (Noel)

“I don’t have a plan, yet; but I don’t plan to stay long.” (Sirius)

“If that’s the case, one year… no, how about five years? Isn’t that easy?” (Noel)

Saying it’s easy… Moreover, what do you mean when you increase the number of years? She looked at Stella-san as if she wanted her to do something, but she laughed it out and crossed her arms.

“Wouldn’t that be nice? If you stay, I could build a house for you. I will make a splendid house for my daughter’s benefactor.” (Stella)

“…No, we planned in the beginning to stay for only half a month.” (Sirius)

These two are definitely mother and child.

Honestly, it felt long even if it’s half a month, but it seemed like they would complain if it’s a short stay. And, they might build a house if I stay too long and that would make it difficult for us to leave for our journey.

“There is no other way. Let me convince you. Okaa-san, can you build a house in half a month?” (Noel)

“There is nothing I can’t do, but it will be no good with a digging hut. My pride won’t allow it.” (Stella)

They were thinking about it after all. Let’s appreciate Stella-san’s craftsmanship.

While we were staying in Aurum, we were supposed to live in the [Erina’s Dining Room]. I think it would be difficult for them if the number was increased by four, but there were many things that we can do, such as cooking and becoming waiters/waitresses. Since Noel’s family doesn’t mind, we can take care of it on our own.

But, only one person was excluded.

“Noir-chan, our family will become bigger for a while. Isn’t that great?” (Noel)

“…Yeah.” (Noir)

“Yeah… although she isn’t a child who’s shy in front of strangers… What’s going on?” (Dee)

“I want you to know how wonderful is Sirius-sama is.” (Noel)

Noel and Dee were troubled while patting Noir’s head, who was slightly far away, but she nodded her consent when she looked at me.

“It’s Sirius-sama, you’ll get used to him after a while. You will eventually realized the splendor of Sirius-sama, and you yourself will want to attend him.” (Dee)

“That’s right. Look, Noir. Otou-san has work to do, he will be back later.” (Noel)

“Yeah!” (Noir)

She seemed to be displeased at us… no, I mean at me, but her smile when she was hugged by Dee was lovely.

My aim at the beginning was to get along with Noir, before getting used to living here.

First, shall I lure her with cakes? Later, I borrowed the kitchen after getting permission from Dee.

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I was planning to use this tactic next time.

“If it’s Noel’s child, she will surely respond to pudding and mayonnaise. Hey, come on over.” (Sirius)

“…” (Noir)

“Get!” (Noel) (And she entered with her head sliding.)

The mother got lured instead…

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